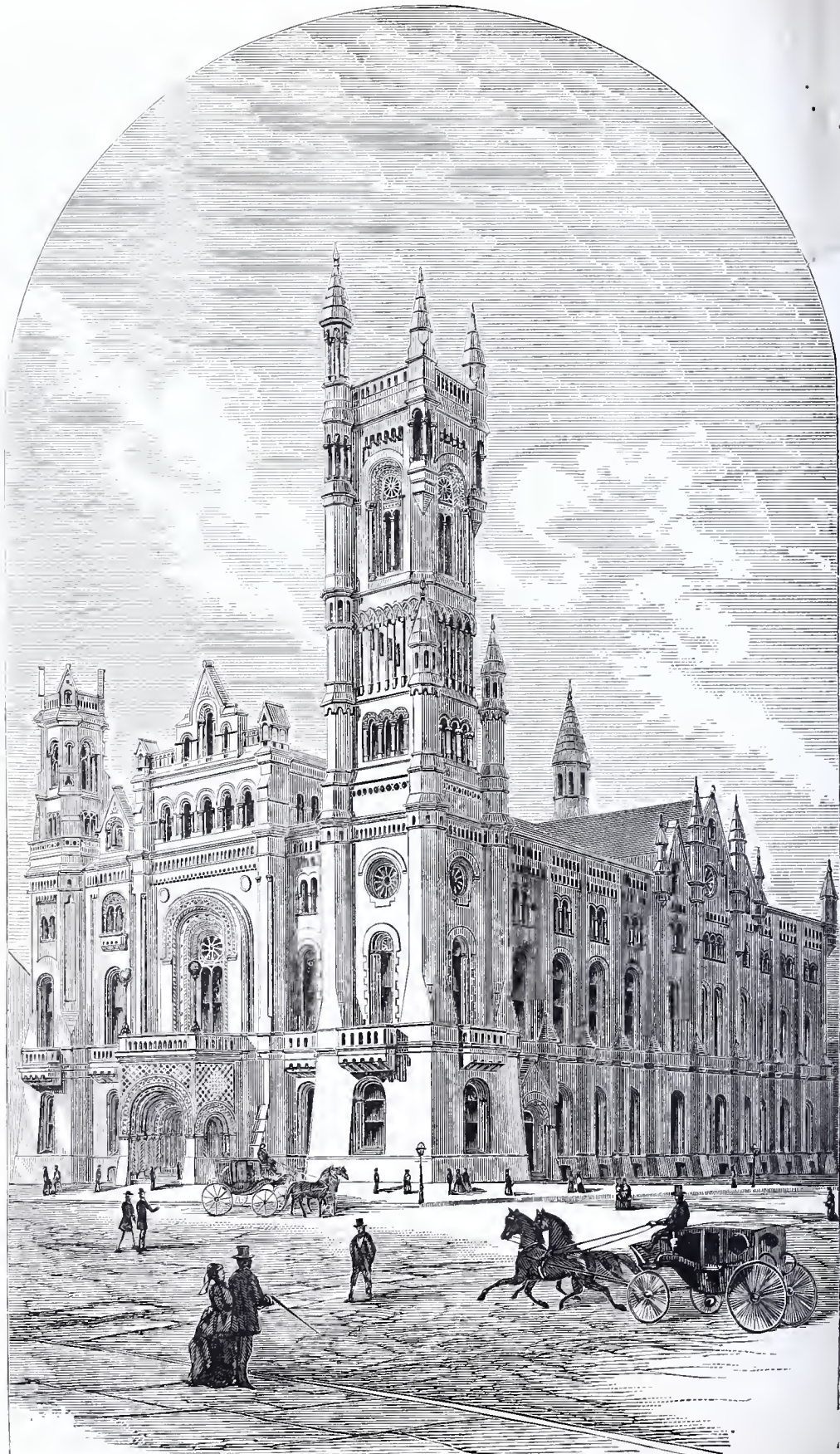


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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania,

AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

BEING EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF ITS QUARTERLY  
AND ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

DURING THE YEAR A. D. 1877---A. L. 5877.



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# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, June 6th, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877.

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Brother ROBERT CLARK, Right Worshipful Grand Master, in the Chair.

Ninety six Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7.20 o'clock P. M.

The following letter from ROBERT H. HINCKLEY, Esq., which accompanied the portrait of our late Grand Chaplain, Reverend Brother JOHN CHAMBERS, D. D., was read :

PHILADELPHIA, *March 19th*, 1877.

DEAR SIR :—

I have sent you to-day, by the hands of Mr. JAMES S. EARLE, a very fine portrait of Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS, D. D. It was the desire of Mrs. MATILDA CHAMBERS, his widow, lately deceased, at whose instance the portrait was painted from life, that the Grand Lodge of

Free Masons should possess the picture. She so expressed herself to me frequently, and on one occasion so told your Grand Treasurer, THOMAS R. PATTON, Esq. No mention of the picture was made in the wills, either of Dr. or Mrs. CHAMBERS, but in accordance with the wish of the latter, with full consent of the family and of the executor, I put the portrait in your possession, as Grand Master of the fraternity, with the request that you have it securely hung in such place in your beautiful Temple that all who see it may be reminded of one who loved the Order, and who so frequently in the Lodge-room led the brethren very close to God in earnest and heartfelt prayer to the Great Father of Mercies.

Very truly and respectfully yours,

ROBERT H. HINCKLEY, JR.,

*Executor Rev. John Chambers, &c.*

*To ROBERT CLARK, Esq.,*

*R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.*

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had accepted and acknowledged the receipt of the portrait, when, on motion, the letter of ROBERT H. HINCKLEY, JR., was ordered to be spread upon the minutes and the portrait accepted.

Office of the R. W. Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Penna., &c.,  
Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, March 28th, 1877.

ROBERT H. HINCKLEY, JR. Esq.

*Dear Sir:*—Your favor of 19th inst. was duly received, giving me the gratifying information of the presentation to this Grand Lodge of the portrait of

our highly esteemed and worthy Brother, Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS, D. D., who was at the time of his decease the Senior Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, having officiated as such for a period of nearly a quarter of a century. The portrait was also received and is now in the office of our Grand Secretary. At the next meeting of the Grand Lodge I will have it properly presented to that body, and I have no doubt it will be fully appreciated as a remembrance of one whom we all were delighted to see, and to listen to the fervent prayers and supplications as offered by him to the Great Architect of the Universe.

Allow me to express my sincere and heartfelt acknowledgments to the family of our departed Brother, and also to you individually for the kind sentiments expressed by you towards our beloved fraternity.

Very truly and respectfully yours,

ROBERT CLARK,

*R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.*

The R. W. Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master, Brother JOHN THOMSON, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, This Grand Lodge has heard with emotions of deep regret the sudden decease of Brother GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, late R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; and

*Whereas*, Brother GEORGE FRANK GOULEY was acknowledged as a bright and particular star in the Masonic firmament. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge sympathizes with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, and the fraternity

in general, on the loss of one who was eminently endowed for the Masonic positions with which he was honored, and that his sudden decease has created a void not easily to be filled.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge mourns with the family of the deceased in their sore affliction, and trusts that the Great Shepherd who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb will have them in His Fatherly keeping.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, and also a copy to the widow of the deceased.

JOHN THOMSON, P. G. M.,

*Grand Secretary.*

# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, Sept. 5th, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877.

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Brother ROBERT CLARK, Right Worshipful Grand Master, in the Chair.

Seventy-three Lodges represented.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report as to Lodges and Members of this jurisdiction, as follows :

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following Annual Report of the Lodges and Membership of this Jurisdiction for the Masonic year ending December 27th, A. D. 1876, A. L. 5876.

The number of Lodges December 27th, 1875, was	370
Constituted in 1876,	5

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Making the number of Lodges December 27th, 1876,	375
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The number of Members December 27th, 1875, was	-	38,236	
There were admitted in 1876,	-	372	
“ “ initiated in 1876,	-	1,334	
Add Lodge which failed to report in 1875, and			
subsequent corrections,	-	82	
		—	1,788
			<hr/> 40,024
Resigned in 1876,	-	424	
Suspended or expelled in 1876,	-	1,328	
Died in 1876,	-	461	
		—	2,213
			<hr/> 37,811
Leaving the number of Members, December 27th, 1876,			37,811

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN THOMSON,

*Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 5th, A. D., 1877.

# LIST OF LODGES.

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 1876.

NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
2	Philadelphia, . . . . .	230	1	6		9	4
3	Philadelphia, . . . . .	213		4	3	2	8
9	Philadelphia, . . . . .	191		7		3	8
19	Philadelphia, . . . . .	276	1	4	1	5	5
21	Harrisburg, . . . . .	200		6	1		1
22	Sunbury, . . . . .	120		6	1	3	4
25	Bristol, . . . . .	149		3		1	4
43	Lancaster, . . . . .	297	7	8	6	6	2
45	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	196	2	8	4	2	
51	Philadelphia, . . . . .	223		6	5		2
52	Philadelphia, . . . . .	176	1	2		5	1
59	Philadelphia, . . . . .	391	3	9	2	5	11
60	Brownsville, . . . . .	53	1	1	4	8	1
61	Wilkesbarre, . . . . .	152	1	4		19	2
62	Reading, . . . . .	322		4	2	9	4
67	Philadelphia, . . . . .	200		4		1	9
70	Athens, . . . . .	92	5	5	3		1
71	Philadelphia, . . . . .	222	1	5	1	10	2
72	Philadelphia, . . . . .	267		5	1	8	5
75	Phoenixville, . . . . .	177		7	1	9	1
81	Chestnut Hill, . . . . .	89		2		8	3
91	Philadelphia, . . . . .	192	3	5		4	3
106	Williamsport, . . . . .	165	2		3	16	1
108	Towanda, . . . . .	192	9	3			4
114	Philadelphia, . . . . .	226		6		3	6
115	Philadelphia, . . . . .	241		8	1	7	7
121	Philadelphia, . . . . .	251	1	5	2	2	4
125	Philadelphia, . . . . .	242	1	7			9
126	Philadelphia, . . . . .	194		5		12	5
130	Philadelphia, . . . . .	307		7		16	9

NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
131	Philadelphia, . . . . .	110		3		7	2
134	Philadelphia, . . . . .	183	4	9	3		3
135	Philadelphia, . . . . .	170	1	1	1	1	1
138	Orwigsburg, . . . . .	60	1	1		2	1
143	Chambersburg, . . . . .	94		9			3
144	Lewisburg, . . . . .	74	1			1	
152	Easton, . . . . .	273	3	4	2	3	6
153	Waynesburg, . . . . .	65	1	2	1		
155	Philadelphia, . . . . .	370	4	4		12	8
156	Drumore Centre, . . . .	113	1			5	
158	Philadelphia, . . . . .	438	3	12	2	11	9
163	Monroeton, . . . . .	49	3	1	1	5	
164	Washington, . . . . .	69	3	2	6	2	
186	Philadelphia, . . . . .	363	2	6	2	13	12
187	Philadelphia, . . . . .	243		5		16	8
190	Norristown, . . . . .	208		2		8	1
194	Selins Gröve, . . . . .	119	1	1		6	2
197	Carlisle, . . . . .	77	1		1	2	1
199	Lock Haven, . . . . .	196	2	8	1		4
203	Lewistown, . . . . .	106	1			9	2
211	Philadelphia, . . . . .	360	3	6		3	1
216	Pottsville, . . . . .	237	1	5		1	1
218	Honesdale, . . . . .	135	5	5	1	13	2
219	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	286	5	9	6	6	6
220	Hollidaysburg, . . . . .	76		2	1	11	2
221	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	227		8	1	8	1
222	Minersville, . . . . .	74			1	1	1
223	Alleghany City, . . . .	163	5	2	1	2	
224	Danville, . . . . .	77		2	1	20	2
225	Greensburg, . . . . .	144		6	1	7	1
226	Lebanon, . . . . .	153	1	5		3	5
227	Reading, . . . . .	373	2	4	3	3	3
228	Uniontown, . . . . .	98	1	1	1		
229	Rochester, . . . . .	95			2	5	
230	Philadelphia, . . . . .	249		6		5	1
231	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	97		1	3	2	
232	Jersey Shore, . . . . .	56	1	2			
233	Pittston, . . . . .	169	1	5	2	6	2
234	Meadville, . . . . .	141	3	3	3	6	2

NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
236	Chester, . . . . .	200		6			2
237	Beallsville, . . . . .	56			2	1	1
238	Tamaqua, . . . . .	140	2	2	1		
239	Freeport, . . . . .	36	2	5	2	3	1
240	Montrose, . . . . .	171		2			
241	Warren, . . . . .	126		4	2		3
242	Mauch Chunk, . . . . .	122	1	5			6
243	New Castle, . . . . .	97	1	1	2	21	1
244	Kittanning, . . . . .	105	2	1	1	6	2
245	Doylestown, . . . . .	174		3		4	
246	Philadelphia, . . . . .	371		11	3		7
247	Mansfield (Tioga Co.) .	12		1	1	12	1
248	Tunkhannock, . . . . .	121		2		1	
249	Carbondale, . . . . .	162	2	3			
250	Sharon, . . . . .	135	2	2	3		1
251	Mercer, . . . . .						
352	Fayette City, . . . . .	53		1	1	3	1
253	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	137	1	6	2	4	2
254	Pottstown, . . . . .	169	1	4	1	7	1
255	Shamokin, . . . . .	74	6	9	1	5	2
256	Milton, . . . . .	81	1	3	1	9	
258	Conneautville, . . . . .	90		4		1	1
259	New Brighton, . . . . .	59				2	
260	Carlisle, . . . . .	90	3	2	3		
261	Providence, . . . . .	100	1	3	2		2
262	Orrstown, . . . . .	37				5	1
263	Laceyville, . . . . .	64				2	4
264	Columbus, . . . . .	80			2		
265	Bloomsburg, . . . . .	123		2		14	
266	York, . . . . .	138	3			10	
267	Tremont, . . . . .	92		1	1		2
268	Bellefonte, . . . . .	119	1	3	2		
269	Birmingham, . . . . .	150	2	6		9	3
270	Schuylkill Haven, . . .	63	1	2		3	
271	Philadelphia, . . . . .	219	2	4		3	3
272	Butler, . . . . .	62		8	4	13	
273	Ardmore, . . . . .	120		16	1	1	
274	Philadelphia, . . . . .	210	1	8		7	3
275	Latrobe, . . . . .	62		5	3	5	2

NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
276	Brookville, . . . . .	122	1	1	1		
277	Clarion, . . . . .	108		7		1	2
278	Johnstown, . . . . .	78		6	9		1
281	Altoona, . . . . .	108	2	3	2	6	2
282	Hollidaysburg, . . . . .	79		2			2
283	Bethlehem, . . . . .	150	2	1			2
284	Catasauqua, . . . . .	110		4	1	8	
285	St. Clair, . . . . .	86		3			1
286	Columbia, . . . . .	145	2	3	1	2	
287	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	260		3	3	13	2
288	Alleghany City, . . . . .	82				3	2
289	Philadelphia, . . . . .	141		1	1	1	2
290	Greenville, . . . . .	102	4	2	1	6	2
291	Scranton, . . . . .	148	1		2	15	2
292	Philadelphia, . . . . .	281	4	7		16	7
294	Ashland, . . . . .	131	1	3	2	20	4
295	Philadelphia, . . . . .	240		12		8	2
296	Philadelphia, . . . . .	205		7	2	4	
297	Canonsburg, . . . . .	50			1	20	
298	Media, . . . . .	97		8	3	8	
299	Muncy, . . . . .	72		3			4
300	Huntingdon, . . . . .	125	1	7	1	1	
301	Waverly, . . . . .	54	2	1		21	
302	Mechanicsburg, . . . . .	135	1	4	2		1
303	Titusville, . . . . .	217	2	3	6	30	
304	Albion, . . . . .	63	1	3	2	21	1
305	Hawley, . . . . .	63	1	3			
306	Troy, . . . . .	128	1	1	1		1
307	Womelsdorf, . . . . .	85		2	3	4	
308	Fort Washington, . . . . .	87		6	1	10	
309	Downingtown, . . . . .	95	1	1		1	1
310	Trappe, . . . . .	70		2		1	1
311	Mount Bethel, . . . . .	70		1	1		
312	Ebensburg, . . . . .	52	1			8	1
313	Indiana, . . . . .	60		3	1	4	1
314	Clearfield, . . . . .	102		3	1		
315	Shippensburg, . . . . .	47			3		1
316	Franklin, . . . . .	115	5	2	4	8	2
317	Wellsboro' . . . . .	70		5	4		1

NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
318	Alleghany City, . . . .	168	3	3	3	9	2
319	Bloomfield, . . . . .	58			1		2
320	Bedford, . . . . .	91	1	2	2	2	
321	East Liberty, . . . . .	91			9	3	
322	West Chester, . . . . .	106		3	2	5	1
323	Scranton, . . . . .	136	3	4	2	11	
324	Mifflintown, . . . . .	55				1	1
325	Stroudsburg, . . . . .	111	2	6		1	1
326	Trexlerstown, . . . . .	121		1		16	2
327	Hazleton, . . . . .	133			6		1
328	Jackson, . . . . .	50		1			1
329	Greensboro', . . . . .	34		1			
330	Hamlington, . . . . .	76		4	2		1
331	Ligonier, . . . . .	46		2			
332	Plymouth, . . . . .	55		1		1	
333	Allentown, . . . . .	143	1	6	1		2
334	Bradford, . . . . .	39	1	2	1	9	2
335	Montoursville, . . . . .	52				3	1
336	Gettysburg, . . . . .	69		1			1
337	Monongahela, City, . .	118	2	4	1	5	1
338	Great Bend, . . . . .	74	3	4	1	12	1
339	Hyde Park, . . . . .	162		4	2	20	2
340	Frazer, . . . . .	111		5		4	2
341	Factoryville, . . . . .	58		1	3		
342	Coudersport, . . . . .	90			2		1
343	Cochranville, . . . . .	120	1	1	4	7	2
344	Milford, . . . . .	65				2	
345	Scranton, . . . . .	104	1	8	4	5	1
346	Connellsville, . . . . .	80	1	3	1	2	
347	Girard, . . . . .	65	1	2	3	5	2
348	Hanover, . . . . .	35			5		
349	Catawissa, . . . . .	97		2	1	6	2
350	Blossburg, . . . . .	111		1		5	
351	Knoxville, . . . . .	22		2	1		
352	Chester, . . . . .	80		5		1	1
353	Oxford, . . . . .	83	2	2	5	11	1
354	Shickshinny, . . . . .	60		5	1		1
355	Blairsville, . . . . .	52	2	1	1		
356	Ten-Mile Village, . . . .						

NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
357	Mahanoy City, . . . . .	92		3	1		
358	Somerset, . . . . .	115	1	1	2		
359	Philadelphia, . . . . .	109	1	2		1	3
360	Susquehanna Depot, . .	115	4	3	1	1	
361	Newville, . . . . .	48		3	1	1	1
362	Erie, . . . . .	94	3		7	4	3
363	Oil City, . . . . .	131	1	2	5	10	1
364	Millersburg, . . . . .	66	2	2			1
365	Corry, . . . . .	118	4	1	1		1
366	Union Mills, . . . . .	59	1	2	1		
367	Reading, . . . . .	72		2		3	
368	Philadelphia, . . . . .	118	1	5	2	11	
369	Philadelphia, . . . . .	210	1	5	2	3	1
370	Mifflinburg, . . . . .	44		1		5	1
371	Thompsontown, . . . . .	41		1			1
372	Spartansburg, . . . . .	40		1	2	1	
373	Tioga, . . . . .	34			2	13	
374	Alleghany City, . . . .	112	2	7	2	4	
375	McKeesport, . . . . .	100	5	8	2	5	
376	McVeytown, . . . . .	52		1	3	15	
377	Kutztown, . . . . .	100		5			1
378	Mount Carmel, . . . . .	46		4	1		1
379	Ridgway, . . . . .	151		5	5	5	
380	Philadelphia, . . . . .	97		5			1
381	Newport, . . . . .	46		1		2	
382	Emporium, . . . . .	87		1	5		
383	Coatesville, . . . . .	70				4	1
384	Philadelphia, . . . . .	81		4		2	1
385	Philadelphia, . . . . .	165	2	4		4	1
386	Philadelphia, . . . . .	263		7	1	21	1
387	Dushore, . . . . .	52	1			3	
388	Smethport, . . . . .	50			1	13	
389	West Middlesex, . . . .	45					
390	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	95		4	2	1	3
391	Phillipsburg, . . . . .	81	1	4		8	
392	Erie, . . . . .	93	3	2			
393	Philadelphia, . . . . .	221		5			1
395	Kingston, . . . . .	74	2	5			2
396	Easton, . . . . .	101	1	1	1	10	



NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
397	Williamsport, . . . . .	68			1		
398	Marietta, . . . . .	71	1	5		1	1
399	North East, . . . . .	79	2	3		2	
400	Jenkintown, . . . . .	83		2		2	
401	Watson town, . . . . .	94	1	1			3
402	Philadelphia, . . . . .	164	1	8	1	10	2
403	Clarks ville, . . . . .	31					
404	Northumberland, . . . . .	48		2			
405	Waynesburg, . . . . .	42		1		2	1
406	Hamburg, . . . . .	66		2		1	1
407	Jacksonville, . . . . .	53		4	2	17	
408	Meadville, . . . . .	44	2		1		
409	Pine Grove, . . . . .	52		4		1	
410	Hatboro', . . . . .	66		1			3
411	Darlington, . . . . .	45			3		
412	Tideoute, . . . . .	74	1	2	3		
413	Bath, . . . . .	78		1	1	1	
414	Elysburg, . . . . .	39		3	1		1
415	Canton, . . . . .	71	1	1	1	4	1
416	Edinboro', . . . . .	73	1	6	1		
417	Christiana, . . . . .	55	1	1	1		2
418	Rome, . . . . .	49	1	1			1
419	Philadelphia, . . . . .	246	2	9	1	5	1
420	Conshohocken, . . . . .	76		8	1	1	2
421	Osceola, . . . . .	13		1	2	3	2
422	Newtown, Greene Co.,						
423	Shrewsbury, . . . . .	39			2	11	1
424	Jamestown, . . . . .	59	3	2			1
425	Waterford, . . . . .	63	2	3		4	2
426	Cressona, . . . . .	51		2			
427	Newtown, Bucks Co., .	62	1		1		
428	Smithfield, . . . . .	57		3	4		2
429	Harmony, . . . . .	42				3	
430	Alleghany City, . . . . .	123	2	3	5	9	
431	Saltsburg, . . . . .	29	1		10		
432	Philadelphia, . . . . .	94	4	6	1	10	1
433	New Castle, . . . . .	116	1	5	2	4	
434	Sandy Lake, . . . . .	47		8	3	2	
435	Reading, . . . . .	141	1	3	2		

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436	Philadelphia, . . . . .	140	1	6	3	8	1
437	Apollo, . . . . .	44		1			
438	Nicholson, . . . . .	42			1	3	1
439	Clifford, . . . . .	45		1			
440	Slatington, . . . . .	32				2	
441	Philadelphia, . . . . .	225	1	8		3	1
442	Wilkesbarre, . . . . .	86	6	3	2	10	3
443	Greencastle, . . . . .	42			3		
444	Philadelphia, . . . . .	92	3	2	1		1
445	Harford, . . . . .	24		1	1		
446	Upper Uwchlan, . . . . .	39		5	1		1
447	Claysville, . . . . .	29		1	2	1	
448	Sharpsburg, . . . . .	77	1	9	2	1	
449	Philadelphia, . . . . .	119		6		3	
450	Philadelphia, . . . . .	143		5		8	
451	York, . . . . .	39		5		2	1
453	Philadelphia, . . . . .	102	1	7		2	2
454	Burgettstown, . . . . .	66	2	2			
455	Erie, . . . . .	36	13	5		1	2
456	Philadelphia, . . . . .	145		9		3	
457	Beaver, . . . . .	56	1	1			
458	Marysville, . . . . .	40		2		2	
459	Masontown, . . . . .	26	1		1		1
460	Orangeville, . . . . .	34				2	
461	Greenfield, . . . . .	34		1			
462	Berwick, . . . . .	68		7	1		2
463	Titusville, . . . . .	93		6	4	22	
464	Harrisburg, . . . . .	106	2	6	2		
465	York Springs, . . . . .	29					
466	Olyphant, . . . . .	52		6			
467	White Haven . . . . .	62		3			1
468	Wyoming, . . . . .	28		2			
469	Coopersburg, . . . . .	35		2			
470	Philadelphia, . . . . .	73		3			
471	Le Raysville, . . . . .	43		7	1		
472	Pleasant Mount, . . . . .	26		1			
473	Cambridge, . . . . .	70	1			1	
474	Ashley, . . . . .	78	1	3	2		1
475	Kennett Square, . . . . .	78		7	3	1	

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476	Lancaster. . . . .	69	1	6		8	
477	Westfield, . . . . .	42	1	2		8	
478	Beaver Falls, . . . . .	49		1		9	1
479	Morgantown, . . . . .	29		3			
480	New Washington, . . . . .	54			1		
481	Philadelphia, . . . . .	207	3	7		2	1
482	Philadelphia, . . . . .	139	2	10		1	1
483	Rouseville, . . . . .	80	1	8	2	5	1
484	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	128	3	7		2	3
485	Smith's Ferry, . . . . .	35	1	1		2	
486	Middletown, . . . . .	53		1			
487	Philadelphia, . . . . .	94		4		5	1
488	Independence, . . . . .	17			1	6	
489	Alleghany City, . . . . .	57		1	1		1
490	Altoona, . . . . .	71	1	8	2	1	1
491	Philadelphia, . . . . .	124		7			1
492	Milroy, . . . . .	31			4		
493	Philadelphia, . . . . .	166		17	2	9	2
494	Tyrone, . . . . .	51		5	3		1
495	Renovo, . . . . .	53		2			
496	Safe Harbor, . . . . .	44		5	1		1
497	Waynesburg, Greene Co.	35					
498	Linesville, . . . . .	46		1	2		
499	West Pittston, . . . . .	59		5	1		
500	Philadelphia, . . . . .	157	4	8			2
501	Pleasantville, . . . . .	57	2	3	5	4	1
502	Tarentum, . . . . .	20			1		
503	Wrightsville, . . . . .	25		1			
504	Moscow, . . . . .	36		1			
505	Port Alleghany, . . . . .	30		2	1		1
506	Philadelphia, . . . . .	71	1	3			1
507	New Milford, . . . . .	30		3		1	1
508	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	74	1	15		2	
509	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	67	1	8	1		2
510	Braddock's Field, . . . . .	41		4	1	1	
511	Shenandoah, . . . . .	66	1	4			
512	Quakertown, . . . . .	62		5		1	
513	Temperanceville, . . . . .	43		1			
514	Spring Hill Township, . . . . .	41		7		7	

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515	Osceola Mills, . . . . .	33		2		1	
516	Danville, . . . . .	36	1	3			
517	Sharpsville, . . . . .	31		1		4	
518	Greensburg, . . . . .	41		3		3	
519	Philadelphia, . . . . .	85	2	8		1	1
520	St. Petersburg, . . . . .	66	5	12	4	2	
521	Parker City, . . . . .	59	2	8	1		
522	New Bethlehem, . . . . .	27		2			
523	Gibsonburg, . . . . .	28					
524	Everett Borough, . . . . .	27		3			
525	Alleghany City, . . . . .	73	1	6	5		
526	Elizabeth, . . . . .	34	1	5	1	2	1
527	Philadelphia, . . . . .	109	3	12		2	3
528	Philadelphia, . . . . .	76	1	9			1
529	Philadelphia, . . . . .	119	1	11		5	2
530	Bellevue, . . . . .	27	1	5	1		
531	Dallas, . . . . .	15		2			
532	Driftwood, . . . . .	38		8		1	
533	Wattsburg, . . . . .	26		2	1		
534	Punxutawney, . . . . .	32		6			
535	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	33	1	2			
536	Reynoldsville, . . . . .	27		7			
537	Centre Hall, . . . . .	17		1			
538	Johnstown, . . . . .	36	9	8			
539	Woodbury, . . . . .	16	1	1			1
540	Petrolia, . . . . .	69	4	7			1
541	Nanticoke, . . . . .	29	1	7			
542	Waymart, . . . . .	19	6	6			
543	Fernwood, . . . . .	56	16	24			
544	Mansfield (Allegh'y Co.)	25	1	7			
545	New London, . . . . .	19		10			
546	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	31	2				2

## RECAPITULATION.

MEMBERS, Dec. 27, 1875, 38,236	RESIGNED IN 1876, - -	424
ADMITTED IN 1876, - -	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED, 1328	
INITIATED, " - -	DIED, - - - - -	461
1334		

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report, which was on motion accepted and the resolution adopted.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

The Committee on Correspondence ask leave to present the following report :

From lawful Masonic information the Committee on Correspondence have learned with deep regret that some of the so-called "Grand Orients" on the continent of Europe, doubtless we hope in Masonic charity, from ignorance of the opinions of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and a due regard for their Masonic rights as they understand them, have continued to invade the sovereign jurisdiction of these Grand Lodges, in opposition to the established doctrines of such sovereignties, and by the action of these Grand Orients producing discord in the craft in the United States.

Your Committee, after much anxious deliberation on this subject, deem it proper for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to open Masonic communication with those Ancient Grand Lodges with which as yet no formal interchange of Masonic relations exist, in order that thereby the views and opinions of this Grand Lodge may at least be known as a conservative corrective of the action of the Grand Orients of Europe.

Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, opens Masonic intercourse and frater-

nal Masonic relations with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary be requested to forward a copy of the report of this Committee, presented to and approved by this Grand Lodge at its Communication held March 1st, 1876, with the fraternal hope that thereby the best interests of the craft may be guarded and secured.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M.,

*Chairman.*

# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, Dec 5th, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877.

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### P R E S E N T :

Bro. ROBERT CLARK,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" JAMES M. PORTER,	-	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" MICHAEL NISBET,	- -	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" SAMUEL B. DICK,	- -	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" _____,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,	-	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" ALEXANDER M. LLOYD,	}	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
" EDW. P. KINGSBURY, act'g,		
" HENRY S. STONER,		
" ROBERT C. SIMPSON,		
" GEORGE S. SNYDER,		
" JOHN P. CLARK,		
" A. M. POLLOCK,		
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,		
" THOMAS S. McNAIR,		
" FREDERICK WHITTLESEY,		
" CHARLES W. MACKEY,		
" WILLIAM CHATLAND,		
" JOHN H. DUSENBURY,		
" HUBBARD B. PAYNE,		
" PEARSON CHURCH,		
" WILLIAM HIMROD,		
" ROBERT L. MUENCH,		
" JAMES H. CODDING,		
" ZACHARIAH BIERER,		
" S. E. ANCONA,	- -	



Bro. GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN	}	
" EDGAR M. LEVY, -	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" EMANUEL OPPENHEIM, -	}	
" ISAAC VAN DEUSEN, -		<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" CHARLES E. PUGH, - -		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" GEORGE B. COLE, -	}	
" WILLIAM C. STEVENSON, -	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" GEORGE W. WOOD, -		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" WILLIAM C. MCPHERSON,		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" HORACE FRITZ, - - -		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" HARRISON G. CLARK,		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON, - -	}	
" HENRY M. PHILLIPS, -	}	
" RICHARD VAUX, - -	}	<i>Past Grand Masters.</i>
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS, -	}	
" ALFRED R. POTTER, -	}	

Two hundred and five Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

This being the time designated by the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Officers to serve the Grand Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year, the Right Worshipful Grand Master appointed tellers, who, after receiving and counting the votes, announced the following-named brethren as elected :

*R. W. Grand Master*, Brother JAMES MADISON PORTER,  
in place of R. W. Brother ROBERT CLARK, who  
declined a re-election.

*R. W. Deputy Grand Master*, Bro. MICHAEL NISBET.

*R. W. Senior Grand Warden*, Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK,

*R. W. Junior Grand Warden*, Bro. CONRAD B. DAY.

*R. W. Grand Treasurer*, Bro. THOMAS R. PATTON.

*R. W. Grand Secretary*, Bro. JOHN THOMSON.

*Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.*

Brother JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,

“ GEORGE GRISCOM,

“ DANIEL BRITTAIN,

“ JOHN HANOLD,

“ EDWARD STRICKLAND.

*Trustees of the Girard Bequest.*

Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

“ GEORGE THOMSON,

“ CHARLES M. PREVOST,

“ HENRY C. HOWELL,

“ JACOB ROBERTS.

A missive from Brother JOHN H. LATROBE, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland appointing Brother AUGUSTUS R. HALL, of Lodge No. 72, as Representative of said Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was read. On motion the missive was received, and Brother AUGUSTUS R. HALL, acknowledged as such.

The different Committees being called upon, made their respective reports, as follows :

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

In the matter of the complaint of Brother \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, against the Worshipful Master of that Lodge, the Committee on Appeals offered the following resolutions, which were adopted.

*Resolved*, That the action of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ in admitting honorary members was erroneous, and that it promptly strike any such from its roll of members.

*Resolved*, That the Worshipful Master and the Lodge erred in taking a ballot for any applicant for initiation or membership, before the written favorable report of the Committee of inquiry had been actually presented to the Lodge.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted :

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report :

That, in accordance with the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, they have examined the following accounts and found them correct, viz.:

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer show :

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance as per report November 15th, 1876,	\$	5,500	28
Received for Dues, Masonic Rents, Initiations,			
ten per cents. - - -		119,327	38
“ “ Dispensations, Ahiman Rezens and			
Certificates, - - -		6,654	60
“ “ Warrants, - - -		800	00
“ “ Store Rents, Chestnut St. Hall,		8,900	00

Received for Interest on Deposit, Grand Secretary, - - - - -	106 77
" " Interest on Deposit, Grand Treas.,	470 62
" " Amount overpaid Sarah Osman,	100 00
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	\$141,859 65

## PAYMENTS.

Paid Orders for Interest on Loan from Sinking fund,	\$ 136 00
On Loan due March 1, \$39,615 00	
" " Sept. 1, 39,615 00	
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	79,230 00
Expenses Grand Master,	1,500 00
Expenses D. D. Grand Masters,	1,553 93
Temple Committee, \$23,655 07	
(Less amount received : Deduction on Wm. H. Harrison's bill for Wind Indicator, \$15. Received from Richard Vaux, return Premium from sundry Insurance Companies, as per statement and resolution of Grand Lodge, June 16, 1877, \$4,102 50) - - - - -	4,117 50
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	19,537 57
Library Committee,	600 00
Sinking Fund appropriation of 1876,	15,000 00
Salaries Grand Officers, Clerks, and their office expenses,	6,123 30
Expenses Grand Lodge, \$6,172 06	
(Less amount received from Grand Chapter for postage, stationery, &c.,)	80 44
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	6,091 62
Loan Account, - - - - -	8,000 00
Masonic Temple Loan, 7th series, -	200 00
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, counterfeited note, - - - - -	5 00
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	137,977 42
Balance November 15th, 1877, - - - - -	<hr/>
	\$3,882 23

The accounts of the Grand Secretary for sale of Dispensations, Certificates and Ahiman Rezens, show :

Balance on hand, November 15th, 1876,	-	-	\$	554	00
Dispensations,	-	-	-	-	2,520 00
Certificates,	-	-	-	-	172 00
Ahiman Rezens,	-	-	-	-	16 60
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					\$3,262 60

Paid Grand Treasurer as follows:

1877, January 2d, Cash,	-	-	\$	785	00
“ April 2d, “	-	-		1,063	60
“ July 2d, “	-	-		687	00
“ Oct. 1st, “	-	-		354	00
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					2,889 60

Leaving a balance on hand, November 15th, 1877,	<hr/>	\$373 00
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The account of the Grand Secretary for Interest on Masonic Temple Redemption Loan shows :

Amount back Interest, uncalled for,	-	-	\$	474	33
“ due and payable, Sept. 1st, 1877,	-	-		39,615	00
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					\$40,089 33
Of which has been paid,	-	-	-	-	38,940 70
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Leaving in Bank,	-	-	-	-	\$1,148 63
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The accounts of the Trustees Girard Bequest show :

Balance as per last report,	-	-	-	-	\$	714	91
Interest and Premiums on Gold,	-	-	-	-		3,589	88
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							\$4,304 79
By Cash paid Order of Stewards,	-		\$3,250	00			
“ “ “ Investment,	-	-	1,042	50			
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Balance on hand November 15th, 1877,	-					\$12	29

The investments are:

Masonic Temple Redemption Loan,	\$51,000 00
Lehigh Gold Loan, &c., - - -	9,000 00
Bal. Sunbury Masonic Hall Mortgage,	1,000 00
	<u>\$61,000 00</u>

The accounts of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund show :

Balance as per last report, - -	\$1,073 02	
Interest, - - - - -	4,023 33	
	<u>          </u>	\$5,096 35
By Cash paid Almoners, - -	\$3,000 00	
“ “ “ Investment, - -	1,070 00	
	<u>          </u>	4,070 00
Balance November 15th, 1877, - -		<u>\$1,026 35</u>

The Investments are :

Masonic Temple Redemption Loan,	<u>\$67,200 00</u>
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The accounts of the Commissioners of Sinking Fund show :

Balance on hand November 15th, 1876, -	\$ 774 22
Received return of Loan from Grand Lodge,	8,000 00
“ from Grand Lodge for 1876, - -	15,000 00
“ Interest from Grand Lodge on Loan, -	136 00
“ “ on deposit, - - - -	223 59
	<u>\$24,133 81</u>
By Cash paid for Investments, - - -	16,646 55
	<u>          </u>
Balance on hand November 15th, 1877,	<u>\$7,487 26</u>

The Investments are:

City Warrants, - - - -	<u>\$16,580 81</u>
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Your Committee have examined the books and vouchers of the Temple Committee, and Library Committee, and found them correct, and their transactions will be fully set out in their reports to the Grand Lodge. They have also examined the transfer of Bonds with the Bond Ledger, and found them correct.

The Grand Secretary furnished the Committee with a balance sheet of the affairs of the Grand Lodge on the 15th day of November, 1877, being the close of the fiscal year, and which is affixed hereto, and also one for the commencement of the fiscal year 1878.

The Committee present the following estimated Receipts and Expenditures for the year 1878:

#### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand November 15th, 1877, \$	3,882	23	
Dues, - - - - -	45,000	00	
Initiations, - - - - -	8,000	00	
Ten per Cents, - - - - -	2,000	00	
Masonic Rents, - - - - -	42,000	00	
Store " - - - - -	9,000	00	
Dispensations, - - - - -	6,000	00	
Warrants, - - - - -	600	00	
Due Grand Lodge, as per balance sheet,			
Nov. 15th, 1877, by Lodges and			
other Masonic bodies, - - -	20,938	40	
Masonic Rents, due Dec. 31st, 1877,	10,575	00	
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			\$147,995 63

#### PAYMENTS.

Interest on Masonic Loans, - - -	\$79,230	00
Sinking Fund, - - - - -	15,000	00
Expenses Grand Master, - - -	1,500	00
" Dis. Dep. Grand Masters, -	2,000	00



## Salaries:

Grand Treasurer,	-	\$	200	00	
Grand Secretary,	-		2,000	00	
Clerks to Grand Sec.,			2,200	00	
Clerk to Finance Com.,			400	00	
Clerk to Grand Master,			600	00	
Grand Tyler,	-	-	150	00	
					5,550 00
Books, Stationery, Postage, &c.,	-		450	00	
Printing, including Grand Lodge					
Proceedings,	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
Expenses Grand Lodge,	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
Taxes, Water Rent, Sewerage, &c.,					
Chestnut St. Hall,	-	-	-	-	7,000 00
Temple Committee,	-	-	-	-	15,169 00
Library Committee,	-	-	-	-	600 00
To pay for Printing Ahiman Rezon,					
&c., if adopted,	-	-	-	-	2,000 00
					\$130,499 00
Due to Sinking Fund for					
1877,	-	-	\$15,000	00	
Due for balance Salaries					
for 1877,	-	-	1,760	00	
					16,760 00
					147,259 00
					\$ 736 63

The case of Lodge No. 497, asking an extension of time for payment of their dues, which was referred to your Committee for consideration, we would respectfully report: We find the Lodge is now suspended for balance of dues of 1874 and dues of 1875 and 1876, and has been notified by the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary to appear and show cause why their warrant should not be vacated. As the matter will come up on Report of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary for consideration, this Committee has no recommendation to make, the case being fully set out in the Ahiman Rezon.

We offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the following appropriations be made for the year 1878, to wit:

For Interest on Masonic Loans,	-	-	-	\$ 79,230 00
“ Sinking Fund,	-	-	-	15,000 00
“ Expenses Grand Master,	-	-	-	1,500 00
“ “ District Deputy Grand Masters,	-	-	-	2,000 00
“ Grand Lodge Officers,	-	-	-	5,550 00
“ Books, Stationery, &c., for same,	-	-	-	450 00
“ Printing, including Grand Lodge proceedings,	-	-	-	1,000 00
“ Expenses Grand Lodge,	-	-	-	1,000 00
“ Taxes, Sewerage, &c., Chestnut St. Hall,	-	-	-	7,000 00
“ Temple Committee,	-	-	-	15,169 00
“ Library Committee,	-	-	-	600 00
“ Ahiman Rezens,	-	-	-	2,000 00
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				\$130,499 00
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*Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be, and is hereby, authorized to draw his warrants on the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer for such amounts as may be required to pay the interest on the Masonic Loans falling due on the first day of March and the first day of September.

*Resolved*, That on and after St. John's day next the price for the use of the Banqueting Room for all Masonic bodies shall be five dollars for each banquet.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. YEAGER,  
JAMES HERDMAN,  
CONRAD B. DAY,  
E. HARPER JEFFRIES.

## BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NOVEMBER 15th, 1877.

DR.

CR.

Due by Lodges.....	\$ 20,938 40	Due to Lodges.....	\$ 478 10
Cash.....	3,882 23	City Dues.....	24,828 00
Expenses Grand Master	1,500 00	Dues elsewhere.....	25,434 33
“ D. D. “ Masters	1,553 93	City Initiations.....	4,010 00
“ Grand Lodge....	6,091 62	Initiations elsewhere...	7,574 00
Salaries of Grand Of-		Ten per Cents.....	3,386 50
ficers, &c.....	6,123 30	Grand Lodge of Penna.	762,450 46
Temple Committee.....	19,537 57	Masonic Rents.....	45,333 33
Interest.....	78,788 61	Rents, Chestnut Street	
Sinking Fund.....	24,068 07	Hall.....	10,000 00
Stephen Girard Charity		Warrants.....	800 00
Fund.....	61,012 29	Dispensations.....	6,654 60
Grand Lodge Charity		Masonic Temple Re-	
Fund.....	68,226 35	demption Loan.....	1,320,500 00
Real Estate.....	1,919,126 95		
Library Committee.....	600 00		
	\$2,211,449 32		\$2,211,449 32

## BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NOVEMBER 15th, 1877.

AFTER THE CLOSING ENTRIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1877 ARE MADE.

DR.

CR.

Due by Lodges, &c.....	\$ 20,938 40	Due to Lodges, &c.....	478 10
Sinking Fund.....	24,068 07	Grand Lodge of Penna.	776,276 19
Stephen Girard Charity		Masonic Temple Re-	
Fund.....	61,012 29	demption Loan.....	1,320,500 00
Grand Lodge Charity			
Fund.....	68,226 35		
Real Estate.....	1,919,126 95		
Cash.....	3,882 23		
	\$2,097,254 29		\$2,097,254 29

# REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund respectfully present their Fourth Annual Report:

The balance on hand November 15th, 1876, as appears by the Third Annual Report presented to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication December 6th, 1876, was - - - \$ 774 22

They have since received:

Temporary Loan repaid, - - - - -	8,000 00
Interest on " - - - - -	136 00
" on deposits in Fidelity Company, - -	223 59
From Grand Treasurer appropriation for 1876, to Sinking Fund, - - - - -	15,000 00

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Making a total of - - - - - \$24,133 81

And there has been paid:

For City Warrants, par, - - -	\$16,580 81
Accrued interest on ditto, - - -	19 42
Premium " " - - -	29 67
Brokerage " " - - -	16 65
	<hr/> 16,646 55

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Leaving a balance of - - - - - \$7,487 26

On deposit to their credit in the Fidelity, at an interest of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., November 15th, 1877. Since that date, however, they have made further investment in City Warrants to the amount of \$3,336 58, costing \$3,344 67 and leaving a balance of cash on deposit in the Fidelity this day of \$4,142 59.

Their accounts with the securities of the Fund have been examined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

The City Warrants bear interest at the rate of six per cent. The Commissioners will use every effort to keep the fund closely, productively and securely invested, so that the accumulations may be as rapid as possible.

With the appropriation for the year just past of \$15,000, and which will shortly be paid to them, the Sinking Fund will amount to very nearly \$40,000, and its growth henceforth will be more rapid.

All which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commissioners.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

*President of Commissioners.*

DECEMBER 5th, 1877.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE  
CHARITY FUND.**

PHILADELPHIA, *November 15th*, 1877.

*To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Free and  
Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.*

BRETHREN: The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund submit the following statement, showing the receipts and disbursements of the trust for the fiscal year ending November 15th, 1877, also a schedule of the Bonds that compose the invested fund:

The invested capital has been increased by the purchase of one thousand dollar Bond of the Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, at a cost of one thousand and seventy dollars, making the investment sixty-seven thousand, two hundred dollars, (\$67,200).

The income of the trust for the past year has been four thousand and twenty-three  $\frac{33}{100}$  dollars, (\$4,023  $\frac{33}{100}$ ) derived from the following sources: Interest on permanent investment four thousand and two dollars (\$4,002 00), accrued interest on Bank deposits, twenty-one  $\frac{33}{100}$  dollars, making the sum as above specified. The disbursements were as follows: appropriation for use of the Almoners, three thousand dollars (\$3,000 00); premium paid on purchase of Bond, seventy dollars (\$70 00), making a total expenditure of three thousand and seventy

dollars (\$3,070 00), which shows a nett gain of nine hundred and fifty-one  $\frac{33}{100}$  dollars (\$951 33) for the year ending at date. The capital stock consists of thirty-two Bonds of various sums of Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, amounting to sixty-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$67,200 00), which with balance on deposit in Bank, one thousand and twenty-six  $\frac{35}{100}$  dollars (\$1,026 35), making the whole value of the fund sixty-eight thousand two hundred and twenty-six  $\frac{35}{100}$  dollars (\$68,226 35) at this time.

JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,  
GEORGE GRISCOM,  
JOHN HANOLD,  
EDWARD STRICKLAND,  
DANIEL BRITTAIN.

TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

1876.

Nov. 15, To balance due Trust, - \$1,073 02

1877.

March 2, To Interest on Masonic Loan, 1,986 00

Sept. 1, To Interest on Masonic Loan, 2,016 00

Nov. 9, To Interest on Deposits, - 21 33

\$5,096 35

1877.

Jan. 6, By Order No. 1, in favor of  
Almoners, - - - 1,000 00

April 10, By Order No. 2, in favor of  
Almoners, - - - 500 00

" " By Cash paid for \$1,000  $\frac{xx}{100}$   
Masonic Temple Redemp-  
tion Loan, - - - 1,070 00

July 19, By Order No. 3, in favor of  
Almoners, - - - 500 00

Oct. 5, By Order No. 4, in favor of  
Almoners, - - - 1,000 00

Nov. 15, By Balance, - - - 1,026 35

\$5,096 35

" " To Balance on deposit in Bank, - \$1,026 35

INVESTED CAPITAL OF GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND, AS NOW  
CONSTITUED, NOVEMBER 15, 1877.

Bond No. 2377,	Dated Nov. 27, 1875,	\$100 00	
" " 2378,	" " " "	100 00	
" " 2658,	" Dec. 15, "	100 00	
" " 2659,	" " " "	100 00	
" " 2936,	" Jan. 8, 1876,	100 00	
" " 2937,	" " " "	100 00	
" " 2938,	" " " "	100 00	
			\$ 700 00
" " 3102,	" Nov. 27, 1875,	500 00	
" " 3152,	" " " "	500 00	
" " 3189,	" Dec. 15, "	500 00	
" " 3224,	" Jan. 8, 1876,	500 00	
" " 3256,	" " " "	500 00	
			2,500 00
" " 4192,	" Nov. 27, 1875,	1,000 00	
" " 4269,	" Dec. 15, "	1,000 00	
" " 4270,	" " " "	1,000 00	
" " 4271,	" " " "	1,000 00	
" " 4272,	" " " "	1,000 00	
" " 4314,	" Jan. 8, 1876,	1,000 00	
" " 4315,	" " " "	1,000 00	
" " 4367,	" " " "	1,000 00	
" " 4484,	" Feb. 14, "	1,000 00	
			9,000 00
" " 526,	" Nov. 15, 1875,	5,000 00	
" " 527,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 528,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 529,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 530,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 531,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 532,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 533,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 551,	" Dec. 15, "	5,000 00	
" " 552,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 590,	" Jan. 8, 1876,	5,000 00	
			55,000 00
			<u>\$67,200 00</u>



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report:

That they have received during the fiscal year ending Nov. 15th, 1877—

From Interest on Investments, . . . . .	\$3,540 00
“ “ “ Deposits, . . . . .	20 48
“ Premium on Gold, . . . . .	29 40
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	\$3,589 88

To which add balance November 15th, 1876, per Report of Finance Committee, . . . . .	 714 91
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Makes a total of . . . . .	\$4,304 79
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They have paid during the same period  
on Orders for the use of the Stew-  
ards of the Stephen Girard Charity  
Fund, . . . . . \$3,250 00

For \$1,000 Lehigh C. & N. Loan 1884, @ 104 and commission, . . . . .	 1,042 50
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	4,292 50

Leaving a balance Nov. 15th, 1877, of . . . . .	\$ 12 29
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On deposit in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, at 2 per cent.

Their accounts with the securities of the Trusts have been examined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

There has been no change in the investments since the date of the last Report except the addition of the securities purchased as above.

The Investments at the close of the fiscal year November 15th, 1877, were as follows:



## Masonic Temple Redemption Loan—

Certificates Nos. 535-6-7-591-2-3-4-5-6=9 of \$5,000, . . . . .	\$45, 00 00
Certificates Nos. 4495-6-7-8 and 469=5 of \$1,000, . . . . .	5,000 00
Certificates Nos. 3154 and 3259=2 of \$500, . . . . .	1,000 00
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	\$51,000 00
Bond and Mortgage Sunbury Masonic Hall Association, balance due, . . . . .	1,000 00
Lehigh C. & N. Gold Loan, 6 Certifi- cates, Nos. 3134, 3259, 3260, 1, 2, 3, of \$1,000 each, . . . . .	\$6,000 00
Nos. 96, 440, 596, 989, 4 of \$500 each, . . . . .	2,000 00
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	8,000 00
Lehigh Loan of 1884, Certificate No. 5420, . . . . .	1,000 00
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Making total investments, at par value, . . . . .	\$61,000 00
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The balance on hand with the estimated income will in the opinion of the Trustees justify an appropriation of \$3,500 for the coming year for the charitable purposes of the trust.

The Trustees respectfully ask the adoption of the following Resolution:

*“Resolved, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending December, 1878, to be drawn for in the usual manner.”*

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	} Trustees.
GEO. THOMSON,	
HENRY C. HOWELL,	
JACOB ROBERTS.	

DECEMBER 5th, 1877.

## REPORT OF THE TEMPLE COMMITTEE.

PHILADELPHIA, *December 5th*, 1877.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted  
Masons of Pennsylvania :*

SIRS AND BRETHREN: The Temple Committee beg leave to report they have expended during the quarter ending Nov 15th ulto., as follows :

Salaries of Superintendent, Engineer and other	
Employees, . . . . .	\$1,906 63
Gas, . . . . .	720 91
Fuel, . . . . .	451 43
Iee, . . . . .	24 38
Contingent Expenses, . . . . .	296 65
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Total, . . . . .	\$3,400 00

The Expenditures for the year have been as follows:

Salaries of Superintendent, Engineer and other	
Employees, . . . . .	\$5,785 08
Gas, . . . . .	2,867 90
Fuel, . . . . .	1,167 50
Iee, . . . . .	64 93
Contingent Expenses and Insurance, . . . . .	10,170 86
Water and Sewerage, . . . . .	198 80
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	<u>\$20,255 07</u>

The amount of expenditure over that appropriated was occasioned by the payment of Premiums on Insurance, Ventilation of Gothie Hall, Repairs to plastering in this Temple, as follows :

Balance Premiums on Insurance, . . .	\$2,500 00
Account Ventilation of Gothic Hall, (about), . . . . .	800 00
Account Repairs to Plastering, . . .	800 00
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Aggregating, . . . . .	\$4,100 00

Showing a saving in the expenditures over the estimates of about \$2,800 00.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. J. KELLY,  
H. P. JOHN,  
SAMUEL W. WRAY,  
H. K. SMITH,  
GODFREY KEEBLER.

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#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons.*

The Library Committee would report that during the year just closing, they have, in accordance with the authority granted them at the December Communication, 1873, issued the first part of the original minutes of this Grand Lodge from 1779.

In order to place the Grand Lodge in its proper position as regards its being the oldest Grand Lodge in America, a short but concise history of the establishment of Freemasonry in this country has been prepared from authentic authorities now extant, which proves beyond a reasonable doubt, that Masonry was first established in this city about the year 1730.

Step by step can be traced the ineffaceable marks of the existence of genuine Freemasonry here, and the connection between the Moderns and Ancients is made clear.

It may not be known that the earlier minutes of the Grand Lodge prior to 1779 have been lost or mislaid; nothing is known of them previous to that time. In order to trace the earlier history we have given full extracts from the minutes of Lodge No. 3, from 1767.

Part 1, just issued, brings the minutes down to 1786, at which time the Grand Lodge separated from the Grand Lodge of England, ceasing to be a Provincial Grand Lodge and becoming the present Grand Lodge of the ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old constitutions for Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

We regret to say that, in publishing this part first, we too hopefully relied on being sustained by the membership of this Grand Lodge.

Out of nearly 4,460 members of the Grand Lodge, only 122 were subscribers.

With nearly 40,000 Masons in Pennsylvania, we have only 85 who have responded.

Of over 375 Lodges, only 18 Lodges have given us their support. It is disheartening to your committee to do this labor without the least show of encouragement from those who should be interested in the early history of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

The Committee have endeavored in every manner to make the Library of the Grand Lodge self-supporting, but have failed to do so up to this time, on account of the failure of the Craft to support their work.

We have been asked by the Grand Lodges in Communication with this Grand Lodge if copies of the reprint were to be furnished them, as is the case with the annual proceedings. We have been compelled to decline to forward them, as it would not be acting justly to those who have subscribed and to our publishers. It must be remembered that the manuscript and labor in preparing the reprint is made without any expense to the Committee, the Grand Lodge or the work, and any profit that may arise will be placed to the

credit of the Library. The appearance of the second and succeeding parts depends entirely upon the support of the members in paying for part first.

During the past year the Library has been increased by over 100 volumes and donations of a large number of proceedings, periodicals, &c.

The amount of balance on hand at last report, was	\$200 67
The amount of cash received from Grand Lodge, .	600 00
Donation from Girard M. Lodge 214, . . .	50 00
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Total, . . . . .	\$850 67

Payments have been :

Stationery, . . . . .	\$ 9 50
Purchase of Books and Papers, . . . . .	219 96
Services of Assistant, . . . . .	127 50
Furniture, . . . . .	48 50
Printing, . . . . .	23 30
Insurance, . . . . .	12 00
Binding, . . . . .	100 00
Newspapers, . . . . .	144 29
Balance, . . . . .	165 62
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Total, . . . . .	\$850 67

Donations have been received from :

Bro. John Thomson, P. G. M.,	Bro. M. R. Muckle,
“ Thomas Cochran,	“ Charles E. Meyer,
“ Sam'l C. Perkins, P. G. M.,	“ E. S. Wychoff,
“ Geo. Griscom,	“ John L. Young,
“ John F. Hartranft,	“ Dennis F. Dealy,
“ Benj. F. Taylor,	“ W. S. Hays,
“ Clifford P. MacCalla,	“ H. G. Clark,
Concordia Lodge, No. 67,	“ F. A. Yard,
Bro. John P. S. Gobin,	“ Alfred F. Chapman,
“ M. T. R. Marvin,	“ Charles F. Heaton,
Ex. of Bro. Jacob Bennett,	“ Stephen S. Remak,

Bros William J. Hughan, of Truro, England.

“ James H. Neilson, of Dublin, Ireland.

“ T. B. Whytehead, of York, England.

Messrs. Horace W. Smith, Charles Riehe Hildeburn, Wm.  
M. Speck.

And have, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, returned thanks  
therefor.

The Committee with pleasure report an increasing use of  
the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MEYER,  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,  
J. FRANK KNIGHT,  
JAMES S. BARBER,  
JOHN L YOUNG,  
WM. H. BURKHARDT,  
EDWARD S. WYCKOFF.

# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877.

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### PRESENT:

BRO. ROBERT CLARK,	-	-	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" JAMES M. PORTER,	-	-	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" MICHAEL NISBET,	-	-	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" SAMUEL B. DICK,	-	-	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON,	-	-	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	-	-	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" J ALEXANDER SIMPSON,	-	-	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" HARRISON T. BEARDSLEY,	{		<i>District Deputy Grand</i>
" ROBERT E. PATTERSON,			
" WILLIAM SUDDARDS, D. D.	{		<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" RICHARD H. ALLEN, D. D.			
" JAMES W. ROBINS, D. D.			
" EDGAR M. LEVY,	-	-	
" ISAAC VAN DEUSEN,	-	-	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" JAMES S. BARBER,	-	-	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" THOMAS S. WOODBURY,	{		<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" HENRY S. SMITH,			
" GEORGE W. WOOD,	-	-	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" WILLIAM C. MCPHERSON,	-	-	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" HORACE FRITZ,	-	-	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" HARRISON G. CLARK,	-	-	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

BRO. PETER WILLIAMSON, -	-	} <i>Past Grand Masters.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON, -	-	
" RICHARD VAUX, -	-	
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS, -	-	
" ALFRED R. POTTER, -	-	
" ROBERT CLARK, -	-	} <i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illi- nois, South Carolina, Ala- bama, Texas, Minnesota, and Washington Territory.</i>
" RICHARD VAUX, -	-	
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS, -	-	
" ALFRED R. POTTER, -	-	
" CHARLES E. MEYER, -	-	
" ROBERT CLARK, -	-	} <i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.</i>
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	-	
" JOHN CURTIS, -	-	
" ROBERT CLARK, -	-	
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	-	
" JOHN CURTIS, -	-	} <i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i>
" ROBERT CLARK, -	-	
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	-	
" JOHN CURTIS, -	-	
" ROBERT CLARK, -	-	
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	-	} <i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba.</i>
" JOHN CURTIS, -	-	
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	-	
" JOHN CURTIS, -	-	
" ROBERT CLARK, -	-	
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	-	} <i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i>
" JOHN CURTIS, -	-	
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	-	
" JOHN CURTIS, -	-	
" ROBERT CLARK, -	-	
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	-	} <i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i>
" JOHN CURTIS, -	-	
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	-	
" JOHN CURTIS, -	-	
" ROBERT CLARK, -	-	

Sixty-six Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10.20 o'clock A. M.

The Board of Almoners made the following report :



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ALMONERS.

PHILADELPHIA, *December 27th*, 1877.*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Board of Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund make the following report of their operations during the past year:

Balance on hand as per last report,	\$ 20 50
Amount appropriated by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund,	3,000 00
Total,	\$3,020 50
Amount donated to 234 Applicants,	2,720 50
Leaving balance on hand,	\$ 300 00

Of the above Applicants 197 hailed from Pennsylvania,

1	"	"	California,
7	"	"	South Carolina,
2	"	"	Tennessee,
4	"	"	Connecticut,
2	"	"	North Carolina,
4	"	"	Virginia,
1	"	"	New York,
3	"	"	Delaware,
1	"	"	Rhode Island,
4	"	"	Canada,
3	"	"	Grenada,
2	"	"	Jamaica,
1	"	"	Laguayra,
2	"	"	Ireland.

Total, . . . 234

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. STULB,  
*President of the Board of Almoners.*

## REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stewards of the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund," submits the following Report of their proceedings for the year ending December 26th, 1877:

In the performance of their official duty, they have granted relief to two hundred and forty-five (245) poor and respectable brethren, to wit:

To 212 applicants hailing under this Jurisdiction, \$2,918 00  
To 33 applicants hailing from other Jurisdictions, viz:

To 6		hailing from New York,	\$71 00
" 2	"	Virginia,	30 00
" 2	"	Georgia,	25 00
" 2	"	Washington, D. C.,	35 00
" 1	"	North Carolina,	15 00
" 1	"	South Carolina,	10 00
" 1	"	Missouri,	15 00
" 1	"	Ohio,	25 00
" 1	"	Tennessee,	10 00
" 1	"	Michigan,	15 00
" 2	"	Illinois,	25 00
" 1	"	Indiana,	25 00
" 1	"	Minnesota,	20 00
" 1	"	Panama,	20 00
" 2	"	Bermuda,	20 00
" 1	"	Nova Scotia,	20 00
" 1	"	Canada,	10 00
" 2	"	England,	20 00
" 3	"	Scotland,	50 00
" 1	"	Ireland,	10 00
			<hr/> \$471 00
			<hr/> \$3,389 00
Balance remaining on hand,			74 00
			<hr/> \$3,463 00

## PER CONTRA:

Balance remaining on hand December 26th,					
1876, . . . . .					\$63 00
Amount appropriated to Class No. 1,					800 00
" " " " 2,					700 00
Additional " " " "					100 00
Amount " " " 3,					700 00
Additional " " " "					150 00
Amount " " " 4,					800 00
Additional " " " "					150 00
					<hr/> \$3,463 00 <hr/>

The additional sum of four hundred dollars, (\$400 00) voted by the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in June for the use of the Stewards caused much gratification, as it enabled them to increase the sums granted to some very poor and worthy applicants whose misfortunes by sickness or want of employment had pressed heavily upon them.

The amount (three thousand five hundred dollars, \$3,500) recommended by the Trustees of the Girard Bequest for the use of the Stewards for the year 1878, adopted by the Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication, will serve greatly to alleviate the wants of those poor and worthy brethren who are compelled by their necessities to apply to this Committee for relief.

Respectfully submitted by

E. P. LESCURE,

*President of Stewards.*

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The following communication was read:

PHILADELPHIA, *December 26th*, 1877.

ROBERT CLARK, ESQ.,

*R. W. Grand Master,*

*Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.*

DEAR SIR :--

I beg the privilege of presenting through you to the Grand Lodge, a portrait, painted by myself, of one of your distinguished predecessors, the late SAMUEL H. PERKINS, ESQ. I trust it may be deemed worthy of an appropriate place upon the walls of the magnificent Temple of the craft. Knowing him as I did for many years prior to his decease, and cherishing the highest esteem for his memory, sentiments of personal regard have rendered the painting of this portrait, in no slight degree, a labor of love.

Though not a member of your fraternity, yet, as the son of a Mason, it will not, I trust, be thought obtrusive if the hope is expressed that this portrait may serve through future years to remind those who go up to the Temple, of the virtues and excellencies of one who stood so high in the regard of the community as well as of the craft.

With high regard,  
I remain, Right Worshipful Sir,  
Yours most respectfully,

E. D. MARCHANT.

Past Grand Master, Brother RICHARD VAUX, offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the gift be accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge tendered for the beautiful picture of our lamented Past Grand Master.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following communication was read by Past Grand Master, Brother RICHARD VAUX, and the resolution relative thereto, offered by him, was adopted.

*Vaux Lodge, No. 393, Free and Accepted Masons.*

PHILADELPHIA *December 26th*, 1877.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons:*

At a stated meeting of Vaux Lodge, No. 393, held on the 25th inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Lodge accept the six ancient Charters issued by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, presented by Brother W. KENT GILBERT, M. D., and that we comply with his suggestion, and donate them to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. When it was so ordered.

Extract from the minutes.

{ SEAL. }

Attest, ANDREW W. GAYLEY,

*Secretary.*

*Resolved*, That the papers be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, the same to be handed to the Library Committee.

Past Grand Master, Brother RICHARD VAUX, also offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That fifty-six copies of the reprint of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, published by the Library Committee, be furnished to this Grand Lodge, to be forwarded to the various Grand Lodges with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal intercourse.

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother ROBERT CLARK, delivered the following valedictory address:

## ADDRESS.

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### BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

About to close my administration as your Grand Master, I feel it proper to extend to you my cordial and fraternal obligations for the uniform, unexceptionable kindness and courtesies you have always extended to me during my term of office.

The duty in the East is full of anxious care and surrounded with great responsibilities; the wisdom of training the Grand Master for these duties, by service in the South, the West, and as Deputy Grand Master, before assuming the Oriental Chair, thereby making him familiar with the constantly recurring questions which he has to meet as your presiding officer, is manifest by the experience every year brings.

No one should solicit the favor of the craft for the South. The selection should anticipate the election, so that the qualifications alone which are essential should have been made conspicuous in the brother on whom the honor is voluntarily bestowed. I may at this time be permitted to warn the fraternity against the almost imperceptible approach of influences which, from the force of associations, if not prevented by the highest human wisdom, may possibly so weaken the funda-

mental and primary principles on which the Grand Lodge rests for her honor, dignity, and Masonic supremacy, as to become a serious disaster to the whole institution.

During the past year, accompanied by the Grand Officers, I have made visitations to—

Wilkesbarre, .	Luzerne Co.,	34	Lodges were represented.
Pittston, . . .	Luzerne Co.,	22	“ “ “
Carbondale, .	Luzerne Co.,	23	“ “ “
Honesdale, . .	Wayne Co.,	10	“ “ “
Northumberland,	North'b'd Co.,	27	“ “ “
Montoursville, .	Lycoming Co.,	4	“ “ “
Lock Haven, .	Clinton Co.,	11	“ “ “
Harrisburg, . .	Dauphin Co.,	16	“ “ “
Renovo, . . .	Clinton Co.,	10	“ “ “
Warren, . . .	Warren Co.,	18	“ “ “
Erie, . . . .	Erie Co.,	25	“ “ “
Pittsburgh, . .	Alleghany Co.,	29	“ “ “

Exemplified the work and gave such instructions as the brethren required. At all of these meetings there was a very large attendance of the brethren and great interest was manifested by them to receive instruction; and the reception given to the Grand Officers was such as to elicit from us the highest praise for their brotherly attention. The value of these communications between the Grand Officers and the brethren, and the Lodges in the various parts of this jurisdiction, can hardly be estimated, without witnessing their effects. It should be the aim of the Grand Officers to cultivate the closest



ties of fraternal feeling and interest between the brethren and the Grand Lodge. This interest, sympathy and regard show, in the knowledge which these visits create, that the Grand Lodge feels that the harmony and prosperity of the whole fraternity is its highest glory, and worthy of its most assiduous efforts to establish. There is so much instruction that can only be communicated in person to the Officers and members, and also those of the brethren who are called upon to take active labor in the subordinate Lodges, by Grand Masters and other Grand Officers who accompany him on these fraternal visits, that in this point of view they are of the highest moment.

During my administration the following Lodges have been constituted :

Waymart	Lodge, No. 542, at Waymart, Wayne Co.
Centennial	“ “ 544 “ Mansfield, Alleghany Co.
New London	“ “ 545 “ New London, Chester Co.
Duquesne	“ “ 546 “ East Liberty, Alleghany Co.
Stillwater	“ “ 547 “ Sugar Grove, Warren Co.
—————	“ “ 548 “ Verona, Alleghany Co.
Reading	“ “ 549 “ Reading, Berks Co.
Edenburg	“ “ 550 “ Edenburg, Clarion Co.
Casiphia	“ “ 551 “ Mount Joy, Lancaster Co.
Alleghany Valley	“ “ 552 “ Emlenton, Venango Co.

The Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication held December 6th, 1876, formally recognized the Grand Lodge of the Isle of Cuba. I have appointed Brother **AURELIO ALMEIDA** as the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of the Isle of Cuba.

At the Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge held in September last, the Committee on Correspondence offered a resolution, which was adopted, opening fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I have appointed Bro. WILLIAM OFFICER, of Edinburgh; Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland. There being a vacancy near the Grand Lodge of New York, I have appointed Brother CADWALADER EVANS, Representative near that Grand Lodge.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge has been officially laid before you by the Committee directly entrusted with the important duty of managing the finances.

I cannot but congratulate every member of the subordinate Lodges, as well as the members of the Grand Lodge, at the unexampled result of the financial year just terminated. Many public institutions, which have relied on the ability and fidelity of those who conduct their economic and monetary affairs, are, in the present state of trade and business, failing to hold their places in the estimation of the public.

With what satisfaction can the Masonic Fraternity of Pennsylvania point to the credit of the craft and its financial exhibits for the past year. Brethren, it will be seen and admitted by those outside of our Fraternity, who examine this exhibit, that there is something in the doctrines, teachings and principles of Freemasonry which produce that virtue which holds inviolate obliga-

tions imposed. The determined purpose of all Freemasons to make any needed sacrifice to maintain the credit of the craft, and pay all indebtedness which attaches to its financial liabilities, demands the highest praise, especially when it is by no means an uncommon sentiment, avowed in high places by men who are regarded as honest, that there can be a state of things that justifies a different policy. The example which we give in our monetary affairs, quietly and unostentatiously, to those who investigate our public actions will have the effect at least to strengthen the confidence in the integrity and morality of the brotherhood.

It is a cause of just pride to the fraternity under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that within the past few years the evidence of respect of the other Grand Lodges of the United States for our Grand Lodge has increased and grown in a very marked degree. It was once and not unfrequent, that our sister Grand Lodges seemed to take pleasure in the utterances of what was no doubt regarded by them as innocent or harmless attempts at cynical criticism on what they deemed the exclusiveness and self-conceit of this Grand Lodge. We were twitted with the paucity of the official published proceedings, the absence of disquisition, either in Grand Masters addresses or other official papers that were presented in print for public perusal, or for that of the brotherhood.

Pennsylvania modestly listened to all this with a patience inexhaustible as its prudence, and waited for

that coming time when the policy of this Grand Lodge would be vindicated by the common acquiescence of the craft in the propriety of its course. This time has come. When, now the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania speaks to those who wish to hear, on subjects which directly and unquestionably concern the common welfare of all Freemasons, it is with profound satisfaction that we find her words are not unnoticed, or her views unheeded.

It is rarely that Pennsylvania deems it her province, or her duty, to interfere on questions which pertain to the well-being of Masons outside of her own borders. The reason must be one of such importance as to justify it on the strictest interpretation of that paramount duty which only permits it. Such occasions have occurred, and may occur again, when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania accepts the responsibility of expressing her opinions. It has ever been done in the closest obedience to that "charity that suffereth long and is kind," and thinking no evil, performs a duty under the solemn sense of its obligations.

There can be no contention, when perfect love casteth out all other considerations than those which relate to the integrity of the landmarks, usages, and customs of the fraternity, which cannot be assailed anywhere without producing the remonstrances or, if need be, the resistance of those whose obligations enforce every effort in their defence.

In noticing the increasing respect which is manifested

by our sister Grand Lodges for our jurisdiction, I feel it an opportune moment to make these remarks, and at the same time to offer to them severally the gratification this has produced, and which I here desire emphatically to express.

I may be permitted to mention that the Library Committee has published the first part of the reprint of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, beginning at the earliest period of such publication. They are of great interest to the Grand Lodge as an historical account, as far as it goes, of the progress of this Grand Lodge from its first establishment. The part so published is to be followed until the proceedings are brought down to the present time, and so valuable a contribution to Masonic history cannot fail to be acceptable to the Lodges of this jurisdiction, and to a very large number of the Masons of Pennsylvania. Active efforts are being made to unveil the past history of Freemasonry on this Continent, and fix by proof the relations each Province had to Freemasonry before the Revolutionary War, and where the earliest Lodges were held, and by what authority. The labor of the Library Committee will doubtless be fully appreciated. Encouragement should not be withheld in aid of these labors, and whatever can be found of undoubted historic truth by any of the brethren should be communicated to the Committee.

The importance of the position and duties of District Deputy Grand Masters are becoming yearly more marked, especially in those Districts where the craft is

increasing. It cannot be overlooked that the District Deputy Grand Master is called upon to hear and determine, in the first instance, many questions which relate to the proceedings of the Lodges, and to advise the brethren in prospective labors, either in committees or in Lodge legislation. To do this, therefore, requires that these Officers should devote sufficient time to perfect themselves, promptly to act in such cases. I would earnestly suggest to all the District Deputy Grand Masters that they adopt some system by which the essential knowledge necessary for their positions shall be obtained. The Grand Officers are ready and most willing to instruct on all such cases, and the well-being of the craft makes it necessary.

The Grand Lodge, at the communication held on the 5th of December last, adopted the report of the Committee to revise the Ahiman Rezon, with but three amendments. Although the Committee was first appointed by my predecessor, it became my duty, by a resolution of the Grand Lodge, to add to it six additional members, making thirteen in all, and it was on this enlarged Committee that the arduous labors fell of finally preparing the report adopted by this Grand Lodge. Anxious that the draft to be laid before the Grand Lodge should be as free from objections as possible, and as all the suggested propositions for changes in the first draft were sent to me, I was present at all the sessions of the Committee, and can bear testimony, therefore, to the zeal and fidelity with which they sought



to comply with the wants of the Lodges and the brethren. I feel great satisfaction in saying to the fraternity that, in my opinion, the new Ahiman Rezon will meet with the approval of the brethren, and in its operation will be found to satisfy the intelligent mind which studies it. Necessarily, some questions as to the interpretation of particular provisions will arise, and it is expected that the District Deputy Grand Masters will, under the direction of my successor in the chair, so familiarize themselves with the text and its spirit, that the true intent and meaning of the whole will enable them, after consultation with the Grand Master, to give instructions to the Lodges in their Districts; but if any doubt exists, before a decision is made, they should advise directly with the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

I would earnestly invoke every member of the fraternity in this jurisdiction to cultivate all those virtues which the craft enjoins as elements of Freemasonry; to hesitate before lending their aid, or even their silent acquiescence, in new theories of Masonic relations; to reject any pretext, however plausible, which pretends to elucidate under new lights the fundamental principles of the craft; to shun, as destructive, all teachings which seek to construe solemn obligations that they may seem less stringent on the conscience; to avoid all controversy which comes under the allurements of argument, which tends to weaken faith in the sublime doctrines of the fraternity which are, and have been, its immemorial

traditions; to discourage the introduction of every innovation into the body of Masonry; to exhibit on all proper occasions that moral courage which forbids a participation in error rather than defend the right, and in a confident reliance in God's help, to stand fast by the landmarks, let the seductive inducements to deny our faith be presented how they may.

I cannot, my brethren, fail to congratulate you and every brother of this jurisdiction at the spirit of harmony, unity, and true Masonic feeling which governed the last communication, the decorum, ability, and calm thoughtfulness which were conspicuously evidenced by the brethren present at that communication, and the wise results reached by their deliberations are worthy of commendation. I mention it at this time because I hope it is the sign of the latent determination of the craft to make the Masonic fraternity an example of those virtues which can best be cultivated under its benign teachings.

The close of my administration finds the craft in this jurisdiction prosperous, harmonious, and consolidated into a brotherhood of earnest, faithful, confiding Freemasons; who regard with love and reverence their Grand Lodge, and exhibit an abiding faith in the virtues of the craft, and in its high destiny, and regard as a sacred, solemn duty, God helping them, to maintain its landmarks inviolate, doing their work in the Temple dedicated to Him, and resting under the favor of Heaven.



Having now referred to all subjects which occur to me as proper at this time, it only remains for me to again tender you my sincere thanks for the high honors you have conferred upon me, and then perform my last official act—instal my successor. And may the blessings of Heaven rest upon him and us, and when our labors here have ended may we all be permitted to enter into that peaceful rest that shall never, never end.

The following named Brethren, elected at the Quarterly Communication, held on December 5th, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877, for the ensuing Masonic year, were this day duly installed in their respective stations in ancient and solemn form, as follows:—

- BRO. JAS. MADISON PORTER, - *R. W. Grand Master,*  
*(in place of Brother Robert Clark, declined,)*
- “ MICHAEL NISBET, - - *R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*
- “ SAMUEL B. DICK, - - *R. W. Senior Grand Warden.*
- “ CONRAD B. DAY, - - *R. W. Junior Grand Warden.*
- “ THOMAS R. PATTON, - *R. W. Grand Treasurer.*
- “ JOHN THOMSON, - - *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

# ADDRESS

OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,

BROTHER JAMES MADISON PORTER.

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MY BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

Having by your generous favor served the appointed terms in the South and West, and under the custom of our craft, the two years as Deputy, you have so far approved of the discharge of these several duties as to elevate me to the Oriental Chair, to preside over this Grand Lodge and exercise the important and honorable prerogatives of Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania. Let me offer you my earnest assurance of the value I put on your continued confidence and respect.

I cannot begin the exercise of the functions so devolved upon me without invoking the blessing of the Grand Architect on my efforts, with whom are all the issues of human purposes.

My brethren, it is proper at this time that I should declare to you some of those principles by which the administration of the affairs of the craft in this jurisdiction will be governed, during my term of office.

It is my unalterable determination to preserve in tact

the landmarks of Freemasonry; to maintain the usages and customs of the craft; to see that nothing I can prevent shall enter our portals to disturb its peace and harmony, and that every member of every Lodge, and every Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be fostered and cared for in their relations to this Grand Lodge, and its relations with them, so that prosperity may dwell within our borders, and joy and gladness prevail among the craftsmen.

One of the glories of Freemasonry is that the brethren dwell together in harmony, and to aid in continuing this special attribute of the fraternity will be my constant desire.

I begin my administration under the revised Ahiman Rezon which was adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last Quarterly Communication. I feel it a duty to remark that, in the examination I have given to this new constitution of the Grand Lodge, I find that the Committee entrusted with its preparation have performed its duties with marked ability, and that as the Ahiman Rezon is understood by the Lodges in its workings, it will be found most admirably adapted to the actual wants of the brotherhood.

It is true that few changes were made, but these were the result of the experience which can only be obtained after a careful study of the subjects involved.

It will be necessary that the District Deputy Grand Masters shall, as early as practicable, become familiar with the regulations contained in the constitution, so

that in the event of Lodges asking instructions they can be promptly and intelligently given.

To this end I shall request the District Deputies to open communication with me on any matter on which they may desire instruction. I am informed that as soon as the proofs are corrected and the work finished, copies will be sent to each Lodge, the Grand Lodge having provided therefor, in the report of the Finance Committee, approved at the last Quarterly Communication.

The finances of the Grand Lodge, as appears by the report of the Finance Committee for the past Masonic year, are in a most satisfactory condition. Our credit as a Grand Lodge is appreciated by those who have money to invest, and our loan is selling on the open market above par. Brethren, let us all consider that we are individually as Free Masons responsible for such marked public confidence, and that we are bound by the highest obligations of honor and probity to maintain it. I shall omit no act that it is within my province to perform, to keep this character of our craft from every blemish, and maintain the credit of the Grand Lodge unimpaired.

Nowhere within the jurisdiction is the murmur of discord now heard. The serious responsibility rests on us to prevent its voice from being audible among the craft. The surest means to this end is to regard only the best interests of all the brethren, and let neither

fear nor favor influence the official action of the Grand Officers, or the action of the Grand Lodge.

It is a source of satisfaction to me that our sincerely esteemed Brother, the Grand Secretary, is still in his important position, for his experience, knowledge and fidelity must be the assurance to the brethren that justice and wisdom will mark the action of his office in its operations with the subordinate Lodges.

I need hardly deem it necessary to say that very much depends on the District Deputy Grand Masters in aiding the Grand Master in the discharge of some of his duties. I shall expect of them prompt attention to their business, strict fidelity to the rules and regulations and edicts; a vigilance that foresees what may be hurtful if not hindered, and a study of that which they have to teach, or explain in their respective districts. So too with the appointed officers, I trust they will faithfully perform the service imposed upon them.

It will be my earnest desire to continue the fraternal relations that exist between the Grand Lodge and those Grand Lodges with which we interchange Masonic relations. Our jurisdiction extends the hand of fraternal recognition to those to whom we offer it as sovereign bodies, supreme within their boundaries, and any effort to interfere with our supreme authority will be resisted as destructive to our Masonic right.

I would suggest most fraternally to the Masters of Lodges to convene in their respective Lodge rooms the elected and appointed officers, for the purpose of instruc-

tion in the "duties" and "business" of their "stations" and "places." There is a marked need of this instruction.

The District Deputies could, we think, make arrangements for such meetings at some central or convenient locality in their districts, and give instructions to the officers of Lodges, which would result in great advantage to the Lodges. I hope these suggestions will be adopted.

Another benefit would result, if at such meetings a short time was devoted to reading the printed reports of the Grand Lodge Committees published in the annual proceedings. Thus the officers of Lodges would be informed as to the action of the Grand Lodge on questions which have received its approval.

I trust that the brethren who are entrusted with the government of the subordinate Lodges will feel the importance of these suggestions, and carry them out.

I cannot forbear from advising the Lodges of this jurisdiction to be very careful in all the proceedings which belong to applications for initiation. It is the entrance into Freemasonry which should be especially and strictly guarded. The profane who seeks admission has before him difficulties to meet. He has no right to expect that the way is to be made easy to him, when the landmarks are set up for the protection of the brotherhood. The wisdom and experience of ages have sanctioned and made unalterable these landmarks, and it is impossible they can be modified to suit the whims,



caprices, tastes or imperfections of one, who has no companionship with the craft. The prosperity of Freemasonry depends on the strict and cheerful obedience to the landmarks. If they are subordinated to the wishes, or in compliance with the interests of those who are not of the craft, the foundation of the fraternity will be no stronger than the changing opinion of men who have no association with the fraternity. This is so absurd that it ought not to be spoken of, only to show the peril and ruin that must come, if the fundamental principles are disregarded. The world is filled with examples which such causes have produced, and the protection of our institution from a like fate is found in the fact that it rejects absolutely, and refuses to follow such examples.

The memorable devise of our late Brother STEPHEN GIRARD, to the Grand Lodge, of a fund known by us now as the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund," for the relief of poor and destitute Master Masons, and which has diffused such substantial charity to many whose needs have been shielded from the cold neglect of all but those brethren who quietly administered Masonic relief, excited the benevolence, animated the Masonic heart, and caused our lamented Brother Past Master STEPHEN TAYLOR to a like act of Masonic beneficence. Within a few days Brother TAYLOR departed this life, beloved and respected by his brethren in Masonry, and indeed by all who knew him. A long life of fidelity,

integrity and virtue closed amid the poignant sorrows of his family and friends.

By his will he has devised to this Grand Lodge a sum of \$10,000, which, on the happening of proper conditions, will become the property of the Grand Lodge, and its income is then to be devoted to the most enlarged and benevolent intentions of the testator.

The craft are its beneficiaries, and it will be known as "The Stephen Taylor Bequest."

Thus the virtues which our fraternity teaches are consecrated by the devotion in life of true Masons, and when ability and opportunity permit, are hallowed by its latest act.



The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother JAMES MADISON PORTER, was then pleased to announce the following appointments for the present Masonic year:

*Grand Chaplains:*

REV. BRO. WM. SUDDARDS, D. D., of Philadelphia.

" " RICHARD H. ALLEN, D. D., of Philadelphia.

" " J. J. McILYAR, D. D., of Pittsburgh.

" " J. ANDREWS HARRIS, of Chestnut Hill, Philad'a.

" " WILLIAM B. WOOD, of Philadelphia.

" " JAS. W. ROBINS, D. D., of Philadelphia.

" " FRANK E. MILLER of Easton.

" " HENRY S. GETZ, of Warren.

" " EDGAR M. LEVY, D. D., of Philadelphia.

" " NATHAN C. SCHAFFER, of Kutztown.



*Senior Grand Deacon :*

BRO. CHARLES E. PUGH, Lodge No. 381, Newport.

*Junior Grand Deacon :*

BRO. H. STANLEY GOODWIN, Lodge No. 283, Bethlehem.

*Grand Stewards :*

BRO. S. B. KENNEDY, Lodge No. 362, Erie.

“ WM. A. MORTON, Lodge No. 476, Lancaster.

*Grand Marshal :*

BRO. GEORGE W. WOOD, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.

*Grand Sword Bearer :*

BRO. WM. B. HACKENBURG, Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia.

*Grand Pursuivant :*

BRO. HORACE FRITZ, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.

*Grand Tyler :*

BRO. HARRISON G. CLARK, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

*Committee on Finance :*

BRO. JOHN C. YEAGER, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

“ JAMES HERDMAN, Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh.

“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia.

“ E. HARPER JEFFRIES, Lodge No. 186, Philadelphia.

“ GEO. E WAGNER, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

*Committee on Appeals :*

- BRO. RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ JOHN THOMSON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ ROBERT CLARK, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ E. COPPEE MITCHELL, Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.  
 “ WILLIAM H. EGLE, M. D., Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.

*Committee on Correspondence :*

- BRO. RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.  
 “ CHARLES D. FREEMAN, Lodge No. 130, Philadelphia.  
 “ HUBBARD B. PAYNE, Lodge No. 395, Kingston.  
 “ GEORGE BAKER, Lodge No. 352, Chester.

*Committee on By-Laws :*

- BRO. J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, Lodge No. 385, Philadelphia.  
 “ J. L. LEMBERGER, Lodge No. 226, Lebanon.  
 “ FRED. W. LAUER, Lodge No. 62, Reading.  
 “ THOMAS J. KERR, Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg.  
 “ JACOB P. GRIFFITH, Lodge No. 284, Catasauqua.

*Committee on Landmarks :*

- BRO. JOHN THOMSON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ ALFRED R. POTTER, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 WITH THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND  
 DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

*Committee on Printing and Publishing :*

- BRO. JOHN L. THOMSON, Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia.  
 “ JACOB F. QUILLMAN, Lodge No. 190, Norristown.  
 “ THOMAS S. WOODBURY, Lodge No. 155, Philadelphia.  
 “ WILLIAM KINSEY, Lodge No. 25, Bristol.  
 “ SOLOMON G. GRONE, Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.

*Temple Committee :*

- BRO. WILLIAM J. KELLY, Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia.  
 “ HIBBERT P. JOHN, Lodge No. 369, Philadelphia.  
 “ SAMUEL W. WRAY, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.  
 “ HENRY K. SMITH, Lodge No. 81, Philadelphia.  
 “ GODFREY KEEBLER, Lodge No. 487, Philadelphia.

*Commissioners of Sinking Fund :*

- BRO. SAM'L C. PERKINS, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ GEORGE K. ZIEGLER, Lodge No. 125, Philadelphia.  
 “ HENRY J. WHITE, Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia.  
 “ THOMAS R. PATTON, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.  
 “ JAMES SHIELDS, No. 158, Philadelphia.

*Library Committee :*

- BRO. CHARLES E. MEYER, Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia.  
 “ M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, Lodge No. 125, Philadelphia.  
 “ EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia.  
 “ WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia.  
 “ JAMES S. BARBER, Lodge No. 402, Philadelphia.  
 “ JOHN L. YOUNG, Lodge No. 130, Philadelphia.  
 “ CHARLES W. PACKER, Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia.

*Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund:*

BROTHER THOMAS W. AYRES, . . . . .	Lodge No.	2
“ A NELSON BATTEN, . . . . .	“	3
“ JOHN KEENAN, . . . . .	“	9
“ WILLIAM A SINN, . . . . .	“	19
“ THEODORE E. WIEDERSHEIM, . . . . .	“	51
“ LOUIS WAGNER, . . . . .	“	52
“ NEAL CAMPBELL, . . . . .	“	59
“ A. J. MONTGOMERY, . . . . .	“	67
“ WILLIAM B. LANDON . . . . .	“	71
“ JAMES C. WRAY, . . . . .	“	72
“ ABM. W. THOMAS, . . . . .	“	81
“ WILLIAM L. DRANE, . . . . .	“	91
“ HARRY R. CLARK, . . . . .	“	114
“ JOSEPH K. PARKER, . . . . .	“	115
“ ROBERT SCOTT, . . . . .	“	121
“ FREDERICK PHILLIPP, . . . . .	“	125
“ JAMES LANING, . . . . .	“	126
“ ROBERT ARTHUR, . . . . .	“	130
“ ALEXANDER P. COLESBURY, . . . . .	“	131
“ J. A. KIRKPATRICK, . . . . .	“	134
“ DAVID KLEIN, . . . . .	“	135
“ RICHARD G. GILBERT, . . . . .	“	155
“ JAMES HALBERSTADT, . . . . .	“	158
“ THOMAS B. BICKERTON, . . . . .	“	186
“ ALFRED C. STULB, . . . . .	“	187
“ HENRY EINWECHTER. . . . .	“	211
“ THOMAS CLARK, JR., . . . . .	“	230
“ ANDREW T. GAYLEY, . . . . .	“	246
“ J. FRANK KNIGHT, . . . . .	“	271
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“ WILLIAM J. BARR, . . . . .	“	289
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BROTHER	ROBERT B. SALTER, . . . . .	Lodge No.	295
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- 26.—Brother JOHN J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, for the County of Erie.

- 27.—Brother HENRY J. TARBLE, of Honesdale, for the Counties of Susquehanna, Wayne and Pike. (In place of Brother GEORGE S. PURDY, declined).
- 28.—Brother EDWIN SHORTZ, of White Haven, for the County of Luzerne, south of, and including, East and West Pittston, except Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton.
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The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary was pleased to appoint Brother J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, of Lodge No. 385, as Deputy Grand Secretary, which was confirmed by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Bro. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, Brother ROBERT CLARK, Esq., having declined a re-election to the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Master, and this day retires from the Oriental Chair after an administration of two years; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, hereby express their appreciation of the wisdom, care and zeal with which Brother ROBERT CLARK has governed the craft of this jurisdiction as their Grand Master.

*Resolved*, That the Masonic intelligence, earnest solicitation for the preservation of the ancient landmarks,

patient attention and unwearying devotion and zealous regard for the dignity of the Grand Lodge which Bro. CLARK has evinced in all the interests of the craft, will ever be remembered with gratitude.

*Resolved*, That the heartfelt fraternal wishes of the Grand Lodge for the health and prosperity of the retiring Grand Master will ever follow him, and it is their earnest hope that he may long be spared to aid in their counsels, and that when life shall close and his labors here be ended, he may receive the approval of the Grand Architect of the Universe in that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions, properly engrossed and signed by the Grand Officers, be presented to Brother ROBERT CLARK.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at one o'clock,  
P. M.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE :

The Committee on Correspondence, of which Bro. GEORGE BAKER, Lodge 352, JOHN C. UHLE, Lodge 246, CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Lodge 67, and SAMUEL WHITTLE, of Lodge No. 9, are members, by its Chairman, asks leave respectfully to report that the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother THOMSON, has handed to your Committee the following publications :

Copies of the transactions and proceedings received from the following Grand Lodges :

ALABAMA, . . . .	1876	ILLINOIS, . . . .	1877
ARKANSAS, . . . .	1876-7	INDIANA, . . . .	1877
BRITISH COLUMBIA, . . . .	1877	IOWA, . . . . .	1877
CALIFORNIA, . . . .	1876	KANSAS, . . . . .	1875-7
CONNECTICUT, . . . .	1877	KENTUCKY, . . . .	1876
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DELAWARE, . . . .	1876	MAINE, . . . . .	1877
DIST. OF COLUMBIA, . . . .	1876	MANITOBA, . . . .	1877
ENGLAND, . . . .	1877	MARYLAND, . . . .	1876-7
FLORIDA, . . . .	1876-7	MASSACHUSETTS, . . . .	1877
GEORGIA, . . . .	1876-7	“ (special)	1877
IDAHO, . . . . .	1876	MICHIGAN, . . . .	1875-6-7

MINNESOTA, . . . .	1877	SCOTLAND, . . . .	
MISSISSIPPI, . . .	1877	SOUTH CAROLINA, .	1876
MISSOURI, . . . .	1877	TENNESSEE, . . .	1876
MONTANA, . . . .	1875	TEXAS, . . . . .	1876
NEBRASKA, . . . .	1876-7	UTAH, . . . . .	1876
NEW HAMPSHIRE, .	1876-7	VERMONT, . . . .	1877
NEW JERSEY, . . .	1877	VIRGINIA, . . . .	1876
NEW YORK, . . . .	1877	WASHINGTON, . .	1876-7
NORTH CAROLINA, .	1876	WISCONSIN, . . .	1877
OHIO, . . . . .	1876	WYOMING, . . . .	1876
OREGON, . . . . .	1876-7		

Before proceeding to notice each of the foregoing publications, we feel it proper to make a few suggestions that seem appropriate as prefatory to the particular duty assigned to this Committee.

With all the regular Grand Lodges of the craft in the United States the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania holds the most fraternal relations of amity and harmony. We salute them, each and all, in the bonds of the brotherhood. It is our sincere wish that these relations may continue, and grow and strengthen. On our part nothing will be done to give reason to criticise the fullness of this wish, and its sincerity.

The landmarks of Masonry are the foundations on which the craft can only build for security and perpetuity. They are as the "faith once delivered to the saints," and apostasy as to either must invite the condemnation of those who, holding fast to the end in hope, expect the reward for being faithful. Whenever or wherever the landmarks are assailed, either covertly, insidiously, or by a combined effort, with a purpose however concealed, or for a pretext ever so plausible, or on a pretended justification colored by specious or popular delusions, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will firmly resist all such assaults, let the consequences be what they may. There can be neither unity nor harmony with those who, calling themselves by a name we reverence and honor, deny those solemn;

binding obligations by which the craft is cemented together, like stones in a great temple, by the force and value of these landmarks.

Pennsylvania has no mission in Masonry either to proselyte or reform. As we received the faith so we propose to hand it over to those who come after us, neither changed nor altered in jot or tittle. But Pennsylvania feels that she has a mission to preserve, conserve, protect and defend the foundations of Freemasonry. Not exulting, not proclaiming, not superserviceable, not meddlesome, not as a busy-body seeking for a cause to intervene in the affairs of others that do not concern her, yet firm as the eternal hills, bold as truth, sincere as a Samaritan devotee, modest, earnest and unpretending, Pennsylvania will exercise her high prerogative as a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to enter her judgment against those who are false to Freemasonry, and within her jurisdiction put prohibition on false doctrine, heresy and schism.

It is but too apparent to the observing and thoughtful of the craft, that there does exist a restless spirit of innovation, here and there, which is seeking to "reform," modify, and make more acceptable to some, who regard themselves wiser in their generation than the children of light, the severe tests and binding principles of the ancient fraternity. The problematic philosophy of the student is mistaken for the teachings of the preceptor, and the glare of some scientific production of light which, by the untrained or impaired vision, is saluted as the sun-rise, are alike introducing mischief into Masonry. It has been said "that error is harmless if truth is left free to combat it," and in the exercise of this freedom is to be found the sure safeguard for the fraternity of Freemasons.

It should ever be remembered that there must be prudence in trying to do right, if good is to come out of the effort. We accept this rule as obligatory; but right must not be put in peril by prudential inaction.

These suggestions are made because in our view there is a necessity thus to speak, when we see that in Europe, as in some other places also, excited, mistaken and we hope mis-



guided men, who answer to the name of Masons, like other "latter-day" teachers, are setting up "new duties," and new notions and other novelties in the Masonic Temple. The benefits which are possible from all this are infinitesimal and cannot be measured, but the evils are boundless as the circumference of their influence.

Human genius in modern days in Masonry cannot expect, if it does it has failed in realizing it, to be a Solomon either in wisdom or power, in glory or achievement; but human faith to-day can animate the zeal of the sincere and humble of the craftsmen to stand round the foundation of the Temple, if they cannot reach its pinnacles, and prevent its profanation, or its destruction by some visionary zealot, rude skeptic, an emotional torch-bearer of a false light, or a pretender, who, mistaking error for the similitude of truth, is seeking notoriety to find only a grave and a fame as a disciple of *Eratostratus*.

We think, therefore, it behooves all those who believe they are resting in security on the ancient landmarks of the craft, to be watchful lest the outer door of the Temple is incautiously opened and the inner door entered by disturbers of the harmony, repose and integrity of the principles of the brotherhood. To eject such an intruder may be attended with trouble. To prevent his entrance depends on fidelity, courage and prudence. Such a disaster may be prevented. The remedy may be tedious, and attended with lingering perils. Security is worth the contest. The danger is concealed to the eyes of many by the plausible grounds on which it is placed by the inconsiderate. There can be no true interpretation of fundamental principles which carries in it their rejection. These fundamental principles are the outcome of the vital power which has preserved the traditions of the craft since the earliest of days. This vital power has preserved in full vigor the essence of these traditions. They are our landmarks. The destructive agencies of Time have failed to impair, obscure or destroy these landmarks. Interpretation, a novel or loose construction of their strict intent and meaning, must not do what Time has failed to accomplish.



Disruption of the craft is more to be deplored than the loss of ends or purposes, which can only be reached by violating the accepted meaning of the fundamental law. What benefit can result from injecting into this law new features by interpretation or whims of individuals, to subserve special ends or conciliate some who seek to put mere theories into practice in localities, and by this means divide the fraternity into factions or separate bodies? But can the landmarks be impaired by either legislation or interpretation? We reject such a proposition as impossible if Freemasonry is to maintain its peculiar individual character. There is no authority which will permit it. The ancient craft ceases to be what we regard it to be, desire to maintain, support and abide by, when it becomes something else by novelties, innovations or changes which interpretation is used to force into it.

The result of the change thus made is disruption of the fraternity. To awaken feud is un wisdom. The fraternity has been distracted in the past by antagonisms which have been ended after long suffering.

We have thus written under the conviction of a duty. It may be either a warning or an invocation. We have no other purpose than to awaken the craft to a danger which, small and inconsiderable as it may appear, if permitted to grow, may be more difficult to avoid or defeat.

Doubtless the suggestions we have made in the spirit of single devotion to Freemasonry may not appear of paramount importance now to some of our devoted colaborers in the craft. To them, if there are any who will be so impressed as they read what is here written, we tender our convictions as they come to us impelling the performance of a duty. We may be too deeply impressed with what to them has yet failed to intensify itself to their minds as a possible peril to the Grand Lodges of the brotherhood. If they are wiser than us, we rejoice. If they regard the danger as neither impending, nor portending evil, nor of importance, not of possible growth to the injury of the craft, we greatly rejoice that our views, mistaken as they are considered, have only enabled us to proclaim

from the turret of our Temple what the vigilant outlook is there placed unceasingly to essay to discover, the coming of a stranger who may be seeking entrance by clandestine means.

It was not our intention to particularize any of the causes for the words we have submitted, but we cannot forbear from noticing one or two which ought not to escape especial reference.

When we see that a "Grand Orient," professing to represent Freemasonry within its geographical boundaries, established or governed by secular power, depending on the political authority of the land for its existence, without the power of exercising a right inherent in all sovereign Grand Lodges of true Masons, yielding obedience to profane dictations, engrafting in the body of Freemasonry unknown and unheard of novelties, claiming the right to disturb the harmony of Grand Lodges by violating or destroying their supreme authority, and after bringing discord and confusion within its own borders, hoping to escape condemnation by assailing other jurisdictions, and ending the catalogue of offences against the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry by proclaiming the abolition of all acknowledgment of God as essential under its jurisdiction—then we think there is some justification for our fears. Against such a counterfeit specimen of a Grand Lodge of our craft we utter our solemn condemnation. We denounce it as false to Freemasonry. We reject all association with it. It is a dead branch on the body of Freemasonry. Let it be a herald of its own fate.

Without any desire to renew the expression of our views as to the condition of Masonry in Germany under the "Grand Lodge League," and the extraordinary proceedings styled *Masonie* which resulted in the formation of that "League, we cannot consent that the novelties which have been thus presented to the craft in the United States should be excluded from this reference.

The principal objection to this "German Diet" of so-called Masonic bodies is that it arrogates to itself a sort of Teutonic supremacy over the craft. The phlegmatic arrogance by which

rationalistic dogma asserts itself in cities and citadels of the modern "illuminati" in the land of the language of the Nibelungen Lied, the Vilkena Saga, the Empire of the Hohen-shaufens and the country of Goethe, may be appreciated by the universities, or defended by disciples of the doctrine of evolution, which rejects the concrete wisdom of mankind and accepts hypotheses that are made from hypothetical premises; but the ancient craft cannot follow such examples, or defend such teachings as applicable to its landmarks.

Freemasonry is a law unto itself. Its virtues, its principles, its peace, security and perpetuity depend on its isolation from the profane, and their ever-shifting purposes for what they term "progress."

The world to-day is filled with witnesses of a destruction which has signalized consequences of new theories, in conflict with accepted truth.

To protect our landmarks, to preserve their integrity unimpaired in our jurisdiction, we labor in that sublime faith which is "the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen."

In the action of some of our sister Grand Lodges, and especially in the reports of various Committees on Foreign Correspondence, much notice has been taken lately of what is called "Colored Masonry." Why this designation of what can never exist? Freemasonry has neither "color" nor any other qualifying description. It is either Freemasonry, or it is fraudulent, a false representation, a counterfeit, a cheat, and is best described by a word known to our lexicography as "clandestine," which means, we take it to be, false, fraudulent or counterfeit. That such a counterfeit exists is only evidence that human ingenuity does not hesitate in aiding the designs of those who desire to obtain by indirection what cannot else be secured. This subject of "Colored Masonry" is, we think, easily understood. A Lodge, was it a regular Lodge at any time? by some defective arrangement, assumed to possess what it called Masonic rights and privileges, and to grant the power

to others to use and exercise them. From this source was derived what was wrongfully and erroneously called Masonic rights. This Lodge we believe was neither, in general phraseology, *de jure* nor *de facto* a regularly constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. All it did was, therefore, "unlawful," void and of no effect under the jurisprudence of Freemasonry.

This Lodge, so unlawful, granted what it called Masonic powers to men and associations to exercise them, and also to "make Masons." It might as well have granted a power to make presidents, princes and potentates. Among these individuals were negroes, met to exercise these unlawfully granted counterfeit rights.

The people of this race availed themselves of an opportunity to become "a man and a *brother*." In time, numerically large as "brothers," they set up organizations, and in some places styled them "Grand Lodges."

The question has been mooted, as to these styled associations, and if, because of *their name*, they ought not to be considered as entitled to recognition by the fraternity of Freemasonry and its regular Lodges. The answer is plain: No. When truth toys with error it loses its virtue. No act by any regular Mason, or by any lawfully constituted body of Freemasons, can make that right which is inherently wrong.

To demonstrate that we have not expressed opinions of a new day or the obligations of a new duty to the craft, the following minute of our Grand Lodge of March 6, 1797, fully proves. Thus more than three quarters of a century ago the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania issued her mandate and proclaimed her judgment on this subject:

Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL communicated that a Lodge was said to be held in this city by a number of people of Black Color; that in consequence of an invitation, he, together with several other brethren, went to visit them last week at an house in Front street, where they were then holding a Lodge, as they called it, but that he found that they were not acquainted with the mysteries of the craft.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that the Masters of the different Lodges under the jurisdiction be informed that

it is the order of this Grand Lodge that none of the members of our Lodges visit the said pretended Masons of Black Color on pain of expulsion.

This was not "Colored Masonry," for it was simply a counterfeit. Thus we have taken the "color" out of this subject, and leave it.

## ALABAMA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifty-sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at the new Masonic Temple, Montgomery, Dec. 4, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother PALMER J. PILLANS, presiding. Brother DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother OLIVER S. BEERS, Chairman of Committee. We regret he did not receive a copy of our last Proceedings, but thank him for quoting us out of Brother J. W. SIMONS', Report of New York.

## ARKANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at Little Rock, October 9, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother M. L. BELL, presiding. Brother LUKE E. BARBER, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is quite a literary production.

We regret to see that several of the Past Grand Officers have died during the past year.



The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother GEORGE THORNBURGH. It is by no means an elaborate paper, but on the contrary, and yet he closes his report with these words: "The dreaded task is done." What would have been his remarks if the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had been received (which were not received) by him and noticed, therefore does not appear.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-ninth Annual Communication, held at the Masonic Temple, Little Rock, on the 8th of October, 1877. Most Worshipful Brother M. M. McGUIRE, Grand Master, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother L. E. BARBER, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is full, interesting, and its introductory sentences highly ornate. Our esteemed Brother DODGE, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, made a special report on the recognition of "*The Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory.*" We cannot agree with Brother DODGE's criticism of Brother BROWN, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas. We do believe that geographical metes and bounds, fixed and regulated and determined, have very much to do with the assertion of Masonic sovereignty over a "territory," whether a state or province. An "Indian Territory," in our political nomenclature, may mean a fixed or an undefined portion of land; or it may mean a portion of land set apart, a "reservation," for an Indian tribe or tribes. Till the boundaries are fixed we cannot agree in the argument of Brother DODGE. We consider the views of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master DU VAL as unanswerable on this subject, and we cannot advise the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania yet to recognize this new Grand Lodge.

We do cordially approve of the special report of Brother DODGE on the subject of a Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, but above all we congratulate the craft in all the jurisdictions on the action of the Grand Lodge in appointing Brother DODGE Permanent Chairman of its Committee. There

will be no doubt hereafter as to the value of Brother DODGE's labor. He is no longer an *apprentice*, but a Master; and his short, strong and sagacious report on the Grand Lodge of Cuba proves our opinion to be correct.

Now a word as to Brother DODGE's review of this Grand Lodge in his report on Correspondence. He notices the proceedings of "three quarterly and one annual Communication," and hints that our "*brevity*" is our only merit. We did hope to conceal this, our strong point, but Brother DODGE has found it out. Still he is very, very kind in his merciful chastisement of our many delinquencies. His report is our model, and "this time" we hope he sees some improvement over the last. When we are a Master—then.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, City of Victoria, February 17-28, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother W. F. WILLIAMS presiding. M. W. Brother COOT M. CHAMBERS, Grand Secretary. There is nothing in this report that requires special notice.

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## CALIFORNIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twenty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, October 10, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother JOHN MILLS BROWNE, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother ALEXANDER G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is an elaborate paper, and refers to domestic as well as subjects connected with other



Grand Lodges. We regret to see that he has sent representatives to the Grand Orient of Hungary, and the Grand Orient of Peru. In regard to the question in Ohio he takes the ground of the recognition of one sovereign and supreme Grand Lodge in one jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary on behalf of Brother WILLIAM H. HILL, Chairman of Committee of Correspondence, presented his report. The Grand Master seems to have impressed upon all of his subordinates the indifatigable labor that he himself discharges, for this report is itself like the Grand Master's address, very full and very able. It notices the proceedings of Pennsylvania, from the communication in 1875, down to that of March, 1876. We cannot agree with our Worshipful Brother HILL in speaking of the German Masonic League, and its effects, that "this cloud, once no larger than a man's hand, threatens a fierce and coming storm. We fear that one after another of the American Grand Lodges will be drawn into the Maelstrom." No! Worshipful Brother HILL, if the American Grand Lodges, as you call them, have the courage to assert and maintain their sovereignty, and defend their supremacy by the weapon known to us as non-communication, the storm will pass over, without either anger or tears, and the meridian of the glory of the Craft in the United States will be resplendent with Masonic virtue.

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## CONNECTICUT.

THE PROCEEDINGS of the Eighty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, New Haven, January 17, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother E. B. ROWLE, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother L. A. DICKINSON, Grand Secretary.

A Special Communication was held at New Haven, May 7, 1876, to attend the funeral of the Grand Senior Deacon A. J. BETHEL.

The address of the Grand Master only interests the Craft in that jurisdiction.

No Report from Committee on Correspondence.

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## CUBA.

WE have received no official Proceedings of the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, but are in receipt of an official periodical, under the title of "*Le voz de Hiram*," which contains, *seriatim*, much information as to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. From it we consider the Grand Lodge to be prosperous and harmonious, working its way into recognition by the craft. We trust that prudence will mark its official action. Right Worshipful Brother ALMEDO, Grand Secretary, is earnest and energetic, and we wish him success in his arduous position.

We have received a copy of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, neatly printed, and very complete.

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## DELAWARE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Seventeenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Wilmington, October 4-5, 1876, Most Worshipful Grand Master GEO. W. CHAYTOR, presiding. Brother WM. S. HAYS, Grand Secretary. The address of the Grand Master refers to many subjects of general interest. There is no report from the Committee of Correspondence.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-sixth Annual Grand Communication held at Washington, November 8, 1876, together with the Special Communications of February 6, 9, and 23, 1876, May 10, 1876, September 19, 1867, (*sic.*?) and October 27, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother I. L. JOHNSON, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother W. R. SINGLETON, Grand Seeretary.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is rendered by Right Worshipful Brother SINGLETON, Chairman. Pennsylvania is noticed, in its Proceedings of June, 1875.

## ENGLAND.

AN extract of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication held June 6, 1877, at Freemason's Hall, London, a Special Grand Lodge, held January 3, 1877, and a Quarterly Communication held December 6, 1876.

At the Special Communication, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Provincial Grand Master, was on the throne. The Grand Master delivered an address on the subject of the National Life Boat Institution.

## FLORIDA.

THE Proceedings of the Forty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Jacksonville, January 11 and 12, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. ALBERT

J. RUSSELL, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother DE WITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

Fourteen Grand Lodges were represented by Grand Representatives.

The address of the Grand Master was unimportant.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Right Worshipful Brother D. C. DAWKINS, C. C. F. C. Pennsylvania is noticed—Proceedings of 1874. He refers most handsomely to the report of Brother E. COPPEE MITCHELL, LL.D.

Proceedings of the Forty-eighth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Masonic Hall, Jacksonville, January 9, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. ENOS WASGATE, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. DE WITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary. There were three Past Grand Masters present, and fifteen Grand Lodges represented by Grand Representatives. There was a Special Communication held on February 25, 1877. It was called to do honor to Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Bro. SAMUEL BENEZETT, who died suddenly at Jacksonville. Brother BENEZETT was a Pennsylvanian, and bore a name honored in our State, not in Masonry, but in philanthropy.

No report of Committee on Correspondence.

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## GEORGIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, held in the City of Macon, October 30, 1877. [The Independent Grand Lodge was established December 16, 1786. We note at the foot of the first page of the pamphlet, in referring to this subject by the Grand Secretary, says: By high authority the establishment of the

Provineial Grand Lodge of Georgia, with Right Worshipful ROGER LACEY as Provineial Grand Master, is fixed in 1733. It was certainly not later than 1735,]

The Most Worshipful Grand Master DAVID E. BUTLER, presiding, and Right Worshipful Brother J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Seeretary.

On the 5th of October, 1877, there was "*an occasional Grand Lodge*" held at Augusta, to lay the corner stone of the Presbyterian church in the village of Summerville. On the 6th of October a "*called Communication*" was held at Rome "for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple."

On the 18th of October, 1877, "*an occasional Communication*" was held at Rome for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the "Shorter Female College."

We rejoice to see the activity and zeal of the craft in Georgia.

PROCEEDINGS of the Ninetieth Annual Grand Communication, held at Macon, October 31, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother DAVID E. BUTLER, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Seeretary.

Twenty-three Grand Lodges were present by representatives.

Brother SAMUEL LAWRENCE presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence. Pennsylvania Proceedings of 1875 are noticed.

## IDAHO.

PROCEEDINGS of the Ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Boise City, September 12, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. J. W. GRIFFITH, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. CHARLES HIMROD, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from Bro. O. H. PURDY, Chairman. He refers to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1875. Has not our Worshipful Brother PURDY done us the exceeding great honor, undeserved and unworthy as we confess ourselves to be, to mistake us for our immediate predecessor, E. COPPEE MITCHELL, LL.D.? We feel ashamed of our insignificance when he quotes us as being the author of DR. MITCHELL'S report.

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## ILLINOIS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-eighth Annual Communication, at Chicago, October 2d, 1877.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. JOSEPH ROBBINS, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN F. BURRILL, Grand Secretary.

Three Past Grand Masters were present, and twenty-six Grand Lodges present by representatives; Pennsylvania among the number, by its representative, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN M. PEARSON.

The address of the Grand Master is a very full and exhaustive review of his official action and the affairs of his jurisdiction.

The oration of Right Worshipful Brother R. S. DEMENT, is a most excellent paper, chaste, brilliant and appropriate.

The special report of Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE T. GURNEY, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba and what is called "*a Grand Lodge*" of Colon, is a very ably prepared paper. We do not agree in the views expressed or in the force of the argument that reaches the conclusion to recognize neither of these claimants for Masonic fellowship in Cuba. So far as we are able to understand, Right Worshipful



Brother THEODORE T. GURNEY is the predecessor of Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE T. GURNEY — else we have failed to read aright the text of the proceedings. Be that as it may, the annual report of the present Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE T. GURNEY is so able, so wonderfully well put, so forcible in its dealing with the subjects it carefully considers, that the other THEODORE, or either of them, may well be proud to be taken one for the other. We bow in submission to the "*bastinadling*" from this THEODORE. We are happy to know that our sins are so grievous as to require so much. We thank our Right Worshipful Brother, the present THEODORE T. GURNEY, for his fraternal notice of this Grand Lodge.

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## INDIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Indianapolis, May 22, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother FRANK S. DEVOL, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Grand Secretary.

The annual address of the Grand Master refers to matters relating to the various Lodges under the jurisdiction, and other questions of local interest.

The seventh annual review of the Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother E. L. MCLALLEN, we presume; no human being can read the name printed there as the chairman, but we assume it to be that, for on page 5 he is reported to be the chairman. Fortunately his report is more intelligible than his autograph. He refers to the Proceedings of Pennsylvania, and quotes Bro. MITCHELL's Report on Correspondences kindly.



## IOWA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Davenport, June 5, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. HENRY W. ROTHERT, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary.

The typographical work on what is styled the "Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa," the ornamental title page, and displayed engraved headings, are noticeable. It rather strikes us as plethoric. We would not mention it, though, except as it is very late at night when we write, and even this is a relief; besides, in the affluence of Iowa, we observe that every one of the Grand Officers has three names. May be this accounts for it all.

The pamphlet is admirably printed; type and paper are excellent. The Grand Master's address is very full, and he follows New Jersey, in breaking up his address under specific heads. The initial letter of this address we should like to know something about—it has a tent, and a flag and a cross, altogether making the letter B. Probably it is a triad, like those names.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence is rendered by Worshipful Brother WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE, who makes a very excellent report. He notes Pennsylvania, in 1876. He speaks very kindly of us, and we tender him our most fraternal salutations.

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 KANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Special Grand Communication, held at Leavenworth, November 20-21, 1875. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother ISAAC B. SHARP, presiding. Right

Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BROWN, Secretary. It was held on the occasion of the death of Past Grand Master Bro. RICHARD R. REES, the first Grand Master of Masons in Kansas. The Proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Emporia, October 17, 18, 19, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother ISAAC B. SHARP, presiding. Bro. JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of pseudo Masonry, made an interesting report, which concludes with the follow sentence: "Your committee are unable to see that any legislation on this subject is necessary, and therefore recommend that no action be taken, and ask that they may be discharged from its further consideration." As this pseudo Masonry is called otherwise Colored Masonry, and as some interest must attach to the action of Freemasonry in Kansas, with its past history, we cite this conclusion of the Committee with great satisfaction.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN H. BROWN, Chairman of Committee. It is a carefully prepared paper, and notices Pennsylvania, speaks flatteringly and truthfully of Brother CHARLES E. MEYER, Chairman of Library Committee, notes Grand Master POTTER's address, and the address of Brother CLARK, elected Grand Master in 1876, and is pleased to notice our Communication.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twenty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Representative Hall, Topeka, October 17, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother JACOB D. RUSH, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master referring, in his address, to the institution of Freemasonry, says, "I fear the true object and intent of our noble Order is in many instances being perverted into uses entirely foreign to the original design laid down upon our trestle board." We have no right to express any opinion, but taking such high authority, we may be permitted to

remark that this "*fear*" might exist without hurt in some of the newly-formed Grand Lodges in that portion of our country. We only make this suggestion; we have no opinion to offer.

The Committee on Correspondence makes report by Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN H. BROWN as Chairman. He refers to the report of Pennsylvania of March, 1876. He mentions the report of the Committee on Appeals upon the penalty for perjury, when made as a charge against a member of the craft.

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## KENTUCKY.

PROCEEDINGS of the Seventy-seventh Annual Communication, held at the Masonic Temple, Louisville, October 19, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother JOHN H. LEATHERS, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN M. TODD, Grand Secretary.

We notice thirteen Past Grand Masters present, and that Most Worshipful Brother PALMER J. PILLANS, Grand Master of Alabama, was received with Masonic honors. The Grand Master's address was pithy and pertinent.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Right Worshipful Bro. THOMAS TODD, Chairman.

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## LOUISIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-fifth Annual Communication, held February 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1877, in Grand Lodge Hall, New Orleans. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother

JOHN GRAHAM FLEMING, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is very interesting. His notice of the resignation of the representative of Louisiana near the Grand Mother Lodge of Elective Union, at Frankford-on-the-Main, and also its representative near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, at Dresden, shows that he fully sympathises with Pennsylvania in her views of the German Masonic Diet. These representatives resigned because they could not represent this Grand Lodge under the theory of the exclusive jurisdiction of American Masonic Grand Lodges.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is signed by a Committee; we assume that Bro. G. H. BRAUGHN is the young pen in an old hand, if we read correctly the first paragraph of the report. It is an elaborate, exhaustive and masterly review of the subjects on which he treats. He says he is glad he has finished his first report. If he continues as he has begun, we think he will be far more glad when he finishes his last. His notice of Pennsylvania is most fraternal. We congratulate the craft universal on the clear-cut expression of his devotion to what is called the American doctrine, which being translated into plain English, is that the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in the United States will not permit foreign Grand Lodges to interfere with them, without resenting it.

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## MAINE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at Congress Hall, Portland, May 1, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother ALBERT MOORE, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother IRA BERRY, Recording Grand Secretary, and Brother JOSEPH M. HAYES, Corresponding Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is replete with interesting matter for this Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, having been prepared and printed prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, was attached to the Grand Master's address and presented to the Grand Lodge. The work of the report is by our distinguished Brother JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND. Brother DRUMMOND will please to remember that we hold ourselves competent to judge of the weight of Masonic evidence in deciding questions of Masonic jurisprudence, and when he charges us with having decided the question of the Grand Lodge of Cuba on *ex parte* statements, and condemns it, we venture to remark that he made this statement on *ex parte* evidence.

In noticing Pennsylvania specially, if we understand Brother DRUMMOND, he criticises our report on the German Bund, and portions of our report on the recognition of Cuba. We do not intend to reply to these criticisms, for they are unworthy of serious contravention. If the terms "Ancients" and "Moderns" are regarded by Brother DRUMMOND as equivalent to the distinctions between the "York" and "A. and A. Rite," then all further remark on the subject by us is useless. There is one singular position of Bro. DRUMMOND, as to the power of the A. and A. Rite, that causes us to smile as we read it. Brother DRUMMOND tries to make it appear that, because the A. and A. Rite does not exercise control over the three symbolic degrees, its power to do so is extinct. As well might he argue that the seclusion of the anchorite destroys his virility; but may be it does in Maine. Brother DRUMMOND's report is like all that comes from his pen, able, interesting and exhaustive. Brother DRUMMOND, please take notice, *this* is not an *ex parte* opinion.

## MANITOBA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Second Annual Grand Communication, held at Winnipeg, June 13 to 16, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother GEO. F. NEWCOMB, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN H. BELL, Grand Secretary.

The hope we expressed last year, that a Committee of Correspondence should be appointed by this Grand Lodge, we renew, and while we are in the hoping line, let us express one or two more hopes. We hope that the Grand Lodge, or somebody representing it, will tell us who the eminent Bro. JAMES E. MORRISON, of Pennsylvania, is, who is credited with recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba; and we hope that the same representative will inform our benighted understandings as to the true meaning and derivation of the word "*Agalasy*," as applied to Grand Lodges. We confine the address of our hopes, however, to our distinguished Brother, A. J. SYMONDS, "Chairman of the Special Committee of Board of General Purposes," because we hold that one of the purposes of this Chairman is to make this explanation. We wish the Grand Lodge success, health growth, strength and wisdom.

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## MARYLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of the Annual Communication, held November 21 and 22, 1876, Masonic Temple, Baltimore. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother JOHN H. B. LATROBE, presiding. Brother J. H. MEDAIRDY, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence was submitted for the Committee by Brother JOHN S. TYSON. In noticing Pennsylvania, Brother TYSON refers to the report of



our Committee by Brother Dr. E. COPPEE MITCHELL, and notices the special report of this Committee of March, 1876. Brother TYSON expresses no opinion as to the Grand Orient of Spain, and Grand Master LATROBE none as to the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba. Possibly our respected brother can understand why we have nothing to say respecting the Grand Orients of Brazil and Portugal, even though they are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

PROCEEDINGS of the Semi-Annual Grand Communication, held May 9, 1877, at Masonic Temple, Baltimore. In the absence of Most Worshipful Grand Master LATROBE, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was opened in form by Senior Grand Warden Brother JOHN M. CARTER. Right Worshipful Brother J. H. MEDAIRDY, Grand Secretary.

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## MASSACHUSETTS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Special Communication, held March 8, 1877; Quarterly Communication, March 14, 1877; Special Communication, March 23, 1877, at Masonic Temple, Boston. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, presiding. Brother CHARLES H. TITUS, Recording Grand Secretary. Bro. GEORGE P. SANGER, Corresponding Grand Secretary.

The Special Communication in March was held for celebrating the "One hundredth Anniversary of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge as a Sovereign and Independent Grand Lodge." There were present Most Worshipful Brother JOHN J. BELL, Grand Master of Masons of New Hampshire; Grand Master SMITH, of Vermont; Grand Master VAN SLYCK, of Rhode Island; Grand Master ROWE, of Connecticut; Past Grand Master DRUMMOND, of Maine; Past Grand Master BOWMAN, of Vermont; Past Grand Master DOYLE, of Rhode Island; and Grand Secretary CLARK, of Vermont.



PROCEEDINGS of the Quarterly Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Boston, September 12, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES H. TITUS, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on the petition of Blanchard and others of Caleb Butler Lodge, we observe, objects to a man's being made a Mason because he lacked sound sense, good judgment and is easily influenced by others, and the report of the Lodge Committee on such case is final. We would just query here, in the most perfect charity and sublime ignorance, whether it was ever intended that rule should apply in Massachusetts, or any where else, in all its rigor.

The address of Bro. WOODBURY is an interesting historical document, and, we think, creditable to the name of WOODBURY. The copies of old documents attached to this address are of great historical value. We notice those from this Grand Lodge, Rev. Dr. Brother WILLIAM SMITH, Grand Secretary. Our Grand Master was invited to be present, and his note declining the honor is inserted. The speeches of the distinguished brethren who were present satisfied those of us who were afar off, as we read them, that the effervescent and sparkling power of Brother *Roderer* was present. We are satisfied it wasn't Bro. *Dry Mumm*.

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## MICHIGAN.

PROCEEDINGS of the Special Communication held at Detroit, May 4, 1875. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother G. H. DURAND, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. E. J. GARFIELD, Grand Secretary, *pro tem*.

The Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of laying

the corner stone of the Public Library Building, in Centre Park.

The Ninety-second Annual Grand Communication was held at Grand Rapids, January 25, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master DURAND, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. FOSTER PRATT, M. D., Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is interesting.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, held at Grand Rapids, January 23, 1877.

Most Worshipful Brother MATTHEW H. MAYNARD, Grand Master, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. EMERY J. GARFIELD, Grand Secretary. There were nine Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters present.

The address of the Grand Master refers mostly to domestic matters.

We cannot understand the parting salutation of our highly esteemed Brother E. J. GARFIELD, Grand Secretary, with which he closes his very admirable report as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. It is thus he writes: "Adieu, a heart-warm, fond adieu"—where is Brother GARFIELD going—for he adds, "we bid our friends in Michigan and elsewhere good bye for the present."

No Brother GARFIELD, we will not, by returning this form of salutation, "speed the parting" brother. We have read your report with pleasure, and thank you for your fraternal mention—and hope in the coming year to read you again. Your report will make you many friends who would well say, "good by till 'twere to-morrow."

Our Right Worshipful Bro. FOSTER PRATT, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, under his notice of Connecticut, refers to a question of some general importance to the craft. The case he refers to is this: An E. A. made in Pittsburg, in our jurisdiction, presented to a Lodge in Connecticut a dimit, and asked for advancement. This, on ballot, was *twice refused*.

by the Connecticut Lodge. The matter was referred to the Grand Master, and he called an emergent Communication of the Lodge [by which it became a Grand Lodge,] and in the exercise of his prerogative, and without a ballot, conferred the remaining degrees. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut did not approve of this action of the Grand Master. Brother PRATT, of the Michigan Committee, expresses no opinion, but asks some questions as to the proceedings of the Grand Master [and, we add, of the Grand Lodge] in the case.

We have an opinion on the question, and that is the Grand Master had the *right* to confer the degrees—and the person is a Master Mason, but he is neither a member of the Lodge to which he applied [and in which the Grand Master advanced him] nor the Grand Lodge—he is somewhat like Mahomet's coffin, which is said to be between earth and heaven. We would like to know how he hails when he visits any other Grand jurisdiction; that is not so very clear.

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## MINNESOTA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twenty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at St. Paul's, January 9, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother J. C. BRADEN, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master related merely to questions pertaining to the Grand Lodge. As the action of the craft in Minnesota on the subject of Colored Masonry, from the peculiar location of this jurisdiction, is important, we quote the following first and second resolutions attached to the report of the Special Committee raised by that Grand Lodge on that subject. The Chairman of the Committee was Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, who signs the report—prominent alike in Masonry as in the public estimation.

The first resolution is as follows :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Minnesota declines to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, located at Boston, for the reason of its irregular formation.

"2d. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge cannot recognize charters as having any validity in this State except those issued by its authority, and that it cannot issue charters except to such Masons as are of its obedience."

There were but seven votes in the Grand Lodge against these two resolutions. If we may be permitted to express an opinion, there is very little color for clandestine Masonry in Minnesota.

Brother PIERSON is also Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, and in a very clever report on that subject, refers to Pennsylvania, and notices the Annual Communication of 1875, and the Special Communication of March, 1876. His notice of us is most fraternal.

## MISSISSIPPI.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Genella's Hall, Vicksburg, Feb. 7, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother JOHN Y. MURRY, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. J. L. POWER, Grand Secretary.

Five Past Grand Masters were present.

The address of the Grand Master is a model report of his work during the year.

All the reports of the Special Committees are well and carefully prepared.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is rendered by Brother JOHN T. BUCK, for the Committee. He quotes Brother DRUMMOND, of Maine, as authority for the statement that 594,617 is the total membership on the continent of North America. In his notice of Pennsylvania, he refers to

the Quarterly Communication of June, 1875, speaks approvingly of Brother MITCHELL, and refers to the Special Report in March, 1876. It is quite an able paper.

We have received a copy of the Grand Officers, Standing Committees, Regulations and Decisions of this Grand Lodge.

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## MISSOURI.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS of the Fifty-seventh Annual Communication, held at St. Louis, October 9, 1877. Most Worshipful XENOPHON RYLAND, Grand Master, presiding, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN M. LUKE, Grand Secretary. [Peace to his ashes; long may his memory be green; a single flower on his tomb, we in sorrow lay here, as we miss the long familiar name of our dear brother, GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, as Grand Secretary].

The address of the Grand Master, among other subjects, refers to the "foreign relations" of the Grand Lodge. Fraternal relations were opened with the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the 6th of November, 1876, and Representatives interchanged. His address is very full and interesting.

Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. LUKE, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, made a special report, recognizing the "Grand Lodge of Egypt;" (?) Action as to the Grand Lodge of Cuba was postponed.

There was a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri held October 11, 1877. The special report of the Committee appointed to prepare a memorial as a tribute to the deceased Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Bro. GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, was presented.

We are impressed with the character of this memorial tribute to the memory of our departed brother. It is concise, full of deep feeling and most appropriate.

We see that much of the work of the Committee on Correspondence was done by Brother GOULEY before his death, and we sincerely wish for his successor, our Right Worshipful Brother J. W. LUKE, that he may rise to the distinction, by the same long service, which marked all that came from the pen of his lamented predecessor.

## MONTANA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana, held at Helena, October, 1876. Most Worshipful HARRY R. COMLY, Grand Master, presiding. Right Worshipful Brothers J. R. BOYCE, Grand Representative from Kentucky, J. M. Knight, from Manitoba, E. S. STACKPOLE, Wisconsin and West Virginia, J. R. ALDEN, Louisiana, and HEDGES, from Iowa, were present.

Most Worshipful J. M. KNIGHT was elected Grand Master, and CORNELIUS HEDGES Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, the Grand Secretary. We wish that, on the day our Right Worshipful Brother began his duties in the soft mellow light "of the declining September sun, which admonished him that his duties were to be accelerated," our lot had been by his side, in the pure, sweet fresh air of his mountain home. His report shows he made haste slowly. The notice of Pennsylvania is kind and satisfactory. To the concluding prayer of our brother we say "so mote it be," but not good night, our brother, not good night; rather, blessed day, for it is coming morning as we write.



## NEBRASKA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Nineteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Lincoln, June 20, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother ALFRED G. HASTINGS, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is pleasant reading. The oration delivered by the Grand Orator, Brother JAMES LAIRD, is quite rhetorical and instructive. The Grand Orator calls the Dionysian Mysteries, Grecian Masonry, and we agree with him. He computes, correctly we think, "Ancient Masonry an age of ten centuries before the birth of Christ;" but to comprehend the learning of this portion of the oration, it must be read in full.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is rendered by J. N. WISE, Chairman of Committee. It is an admirable paper. His notice of Pennsylvania includes the Quarterly Communication of March, 1876.

## NEVADA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Special Grand and Twelfth Annual Grand Communications, the former held at Gold Hill, August 2, 1876, and the latter at the Masonic Hall, Virginia City, November 21-24, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. ROBERT W. BOLLEN, presiding, and Right Worshipful Bro. SAMUEL W. CHUBBUCK, Grand Secretary.

The Special Communication was held for the laying of the corner stone of—(what?).

The address of the Grand Master at the Twelfth Annual Communication, like almost all of the addresses we have noticed, refers to "*Colored Masonry*."



The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by V. Worshipful Bro. ROBERT H. TAYLOR. It is a very lengthy paper, noticing Pennsylvania, quotes from our predecessor, DR. BROTHER COPPEE MITCHELL's report upon the origin of Masonry in Pennsylvania at great length, and refers to the Communication of this Grand Lodge of March, 1876.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Manchester, December 28, 1876. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN J. BELL, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN A. HARRIS, Grand Secretary (since deceased). And also Proceedings of Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held at Concord, May 17, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother WILLIAM BARRETT, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN A. HARRIS, Grand Secretary. There is nothing of special interest in the address of the Grand Master.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is presented by Bro, JOHN J. BELL, with an explanatory note, explaining the subdivision of labor among the Committee, owing to no report having been prepared at the last Annual Communication. In the division of the labor, Pennsylvania was relegated to Right Worshipful Bro. ALBERT S. WAIT. Brother WAIT notices the Proceedings of Pennsylvania of 1875, refers to the election of Brother CLARK, and his address delivered at the beginning of his term; refers to the report of Bro. Dr. MITCHELL on Correspondence, quotes parts approvingly, and incidentally mentions the special report of March, 1876.

PROCEEDINGS of the Semi-Annual Communication held at the Masonic Temple, Manchester, Tuesday, December 27, 1876,

and also of Annual Communication held at the Masonic Temple, Concord, May 16, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. JOHN J. BELL, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN A. HARRIS, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, by his address, seems to have had some trouble with "The Work" in his jurisdiction during the year.

Worshipful Bro. JOSEPH E. BENNETT, presented his report as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. We are gratified at the notice of our Grand Lodge, because it shows that Bro. BENNETT is after the cream in his review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges, and has no disposition to "intermeddle" with their "domestic affairs." His report is sufficiently full, clear and instructive.

## NEW JERSEY.

PROCEEDINGS of the Nineteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Assembly Rooms, Taylor Hall, Trenton, January 17 and 18, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. REV. MARSHALL B. SMITH, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Secretary.

The address of Grand Master SMITH is excellent; we like the mode in which he presents it. He favors the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba. We take occasion to express our satisfaction with the style of presentation and matter of the Grand Master's address.

APPENDIX, containing report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the State of New Jersey, 1877. This report is credited to Brother "ALEXANDER FULLERTON for the Committee." It is dated December 11, 1876. We find on examination that Brother FULLERTON has devoted much attention and time to the preparation of his report. Very many of

the abstracts of the proceedings of Grand Lodges are creditable to his power of condensation, and are valuable in this respect.

We regret the notice he makes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The tone of his review is flippant; the spirit which actuated it, if not puerile, would be unmasonic. That portion of the report which criticises the action of Pennsylvania in relation to the German Masonic Diet, is treated as though logic had run mad in our brother's mind. How a surrender of a right to one who could not exercise it for want of capacity to take the surrendered right thereby confers the capacity, is not plain to us. The validity of an act which is unlawful is not a possibility. But Brother FULLERTON will, as he gains knowledge, be able to refute his own position. We prefer to leave him wrestling with himself, if it is confined to where the effect will not result in consequential damage.

## NEW YORK.

TRANSACTIONS of the Ninety-sixth Annual Grand Communication, held June 5, 1877, in Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Temple, City of New York. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. JAMES W. HUSTED, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JAMES M. AUSTIN, M. D., Grand Secretary.

On June 8, 1877, Most Worshipful Bro. JOSEPH J. COUCH, of Brooklyn, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. JAMES M. AUSTIN, M. D., Grand Secretary.

Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN W. SIMONS contributes, as usual, a most valuable paper in his Report as Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Bro. SIMONS notices Pennsylvania kindly. In referring to the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. SIMONS says, that at its Quarterly Communication, last March, two appeals were passed upon, of not much importance in themselves, but tending to show that the Eng-

lish practice is like our own. We desire to mention one, as follows: A Master of a Lodge invited a Past Master to be present at a meeting of the Lodge to confer the Third Degree. To this the Senior Warden objected, on the ground that when the Master failed to officiate it was his duty. To this objection the Master ruled, that a brother officiating in his presence, being so invited, he was responsible for the act of this officiating Master. The Grand Lodge took the same view, and dismissed the appeal. Let us here, parenthetically, say that in Pennsylvania this doctrine was never doubted.

BRO. SIMONS refers to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, approves our action in regard to it, and the Grand Lodge of New York recognises that Grand Lodge.

We are especially interested in so much of Bro. SIMONS' able Report as refers to the German Grand Lodge League. When we, in our last report, took up this subject, and expressed an opinion in regard to it, condemning it as unmasonic, in our view, we had no light from other decisions to guide us. Bro. SIMONS confirms our views. We thank Bro. SIMONS, on behalf of the craft, for his labors in Freemasonry. As an able, enlightened and educated Masonic student Brother Right Worshipful Past Grand Master SIMONS has few equals, and no superior, in the fraternity.

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## NORTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Annual Grand Communication, held at Raleigh, December 5, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master GEORGE W. BLOUNT, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is concise, and restricted to domestic questions.

No Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

## OHIO

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held October 17-19, 1876, at Columbus. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. CHARLES A. WOODWARD, presiding. Bro. JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

We have no comments to make on the special order of the second day (Wednesday's) sitting of that Grand Lodge, nor the proceedings had thereon. It concerns Ohio directly. It belongs to her domestic affairs. Whatever this Grand Lodge may do, or has done, which affects the universal principles of the craft, will receive such notice as the importance of the subject demands.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our esteemed Brother CALDWELL. In reading his notice of Pennsylvania, we find that what is comprehensible in it is so plain as to need no comment, and what is incomprehensible in it is so abstruse that it becomes obtuse.

## OREGON.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twenty-seventh Annual Grand Communication held at Portland, June 11, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. J. H. KUNZIE, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother R. P. EARHEART, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is very full, and prepared with care. The decisions are numerous.

The installation of the Grand Officers was quite a spirited affair.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. S. F. CHADWICK, Chairman of the Committee. Bro. CHADWICK has devoted much attention to the subject. He quotes Grand Master CLARK's address, and notices Pennsylvania

and the Report of our Committee in March, 1876. We trust that he will have no occasion again to miss a copy of our Proceedings, which are regularly sent to the Grand Lodge by mail.

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## SCOTLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its Quarterly Grand Communication, held in September last, adopted a special report made by this Committee, by direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Master ROBERT CLARK, opening Masonic relations with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Scotland. The grounds for the action of our Grand Lodge are set forth in the special report, and it is hereto annexed :

### TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE :

The Committee of Correspondence ask leave to present the following report :

From lawful Masonic information, the Committee of Correspondence have learned with deep regret that some of the so-called "Grand Orients" on the continent of Europe, doubtless, we hope, in Masonic charity, from ignorance of the opinions of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and a due regard for their Masonic rights as they understand them, have continued to invade the sovereign jurisdiction of these Grand Lodges, and in opposition to the established doctrines of such sovereignties, and by the action of these "Grand Orients" producing discord in the Craft in the United States.

Your Committee, after much anxious deliberation on this subject, deem it proper for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to open Masonic communication with those Ancient Grand Lodges with which as yet no formal interchange of Masonic relations exists, in order that thereby the views and opinions of this Grand Lodge may at least be known as a conservative corrective of the action of these Grand Orients in Europe.



Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That "The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging," opens Masonic intercourse and fraternal Masonic relations with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary be requested to forward a copy of this report and resolution, and also a copy of the report of this Committee presented to and approved by this Grand Lodge at its March Communication, 1876, with the fraternal hope that thereby the best interests of the Craft may be guarded and secured.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M.,

*Chairman.*

Right Worshipful Grand Master CLARK appointed Worshipful Brother OFFICER the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of the One Hundredth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Charleston, Dec. 12, 1876; also special Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Charleston, June, 8, 1876, to lay the corner stone of a Monument in memory of the defenders of Fort Moultrie.

We notice that in the corner stone of the Monument, there laid by the Grand Lodge, was a reprint of the *Philadelphia Gazette* of Dec. 24, 1773.

At both the Special and Centennial Communications, Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE presided. Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary.

In the Grand Master's address we notice, under the title "Work," this sentence: "A notable exception being the



Pennsylvania Work, which, according to Mackey, much more resembles the English than the American. It is well that this be remembered, since, in visiting that jurisdiction, or examining visitors from thence, confusion and misconception may be thereby prevented."

We are glad to note this recognition of the distinction of Pennsylvania Work. It is certainly the most ancient, the purest, and the most simple, practised under the authority of any Grand Lodge on this continent, and we are glad our distinguished and Most Worshipful Brother of South Carolina gives us the opportunity thus to affirm his endorsement of Brother Mackey.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, the Grand Secretary. Pennsylvania is noticed. Brother COPPEE MITCHELL's Report, as our predecessor, is only criticised as follows: "There is only one thing to which we object, the way in which Brother MITCHELL spells our name; we like to see it spelled in the way *we* spell it— *and that's all.*" Poor Brother Dr. Mitchell! this is the second time he has been rasped over the knuckles for misspelling people's names. Though he worthily holds the title of LL. D., and deservedly, too, and is Professor of Law in the University of Pennsylvania, he can neither spell "Inglesby" nor "Bonner" [see review of Texas] correctly. Such is learning.

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## TENNESSEE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-Third Annual Grand Communication, held at Nashville, Nov. 3, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother J. C. CAWOOD, presiding. Brother JOHN F. FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary. Nine Past Grand Masters were present.

No report from the Committee on Correspondence.

## TEXAS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Forty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Houston, December 14, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother MARCUS F. MOTT, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. GEORGE H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary. Eight Past Grand Masters present.

The address of the Grand Master is a carefully prepared paper, and he concluded by quoting the first stanza of that grand old hymn, "Jerusalem the Golden."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is rendered by Worshipful Brother E. H. CUSHING, Chairman. He notices the Proceedings of Pennsylvania for the year 1875, and refers to Brother E. COPPEE MITCHELL'S Report on Correspondence. We do not propose to be the subject of the same criticism that Brother CUSHING gives to Brother MITCHELL. We are not aware of the particular profane titles of Brother CUSHING, but we find his name mentioned, Bro. E. H. CUSHING, as taking an active part in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. He is Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, Chairman on Foreign Correspondence, and on the Committee No 2, on Grievances and Appeals, and he seems ably and faithfully to perform all his duties, of which his Report on Correspondence is a striking evidence. We now think Brother E. H. CUSHING stands at the head of the roll for the next Centennial.

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PROCEEDINGS of the Fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Salt Lake City, November 14, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. EDMUND P. JOHNSON, presiding. Right Worshipful CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is rendered by Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL. He kindly notices Pennsylvania, and refers to the Special Report of March, 1876, with high approbation.

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## VERMONT.

PROCEEDINGS of the Eighty-fifth Annual Communication, held in the city of Burlington, June 13, 1877. Most Worshipful Bro. HENRY H. SMITH, Grand Master, presiding. Bro. HENRY CLARK, Grand Secretary.

The Report of the Committee of Correspondence, Brother HENRY CLARK, Chairman, refers to the March, 1876, Communication of our Grand Lodge, and kindly refers to the Special Report of this Committee made to our Grand Lodge in March, 1876. It also notices that Worshipful Bro. ISAAC PHILLIPS, Past Grand Master of New York, and Worshipful Brother JAMES N. MOORE, Grand Treasurer of Nebraska, were present. It quotes, approving, the notice by Grand Master CLARK of the Grand Lodge of Cuba. We must in truth remark that we like the style in which Brother CLARK handles the Foreign Correspondence.

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## VIRGINIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Annual Communication held at the City of Richmond, December 11, 12 and 13, 1876. The Grand Lodge opened with Most Worshipful WM. B. TALIAFERRO, Grand Master, presiding.

There were present Right Worshipful Brother JAMES A. SCOTT, Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; PEYTON JOHNSTON, Ireland; W. B. TALIAFERRO, Dacotah, and GEORGE W. DAME, Canada.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master delivered his annual address. Right Worshipful WILLIAM B. ISAACS was elected Grand Secretary. The address of the Grand Master, feelingly and most appropriately, referred to the death of the Grand Secretary, Worshipful Brother JOHN DOVE, M. D., the oldest Grand Secretary in the world. It is remarkable that the Grand Lodge lost by death three of its Grand Officers—Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Grand Lecturer—during the year 1876.

There is no report from the Committee of Correspondence.

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## WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS of the Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington, held at Olympia, September, 1876. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, OLIVER P. LACY, presiding. Most Worshipful PLATT ADAMS PRESTON, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful THOMAS MELBURNE was elected Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence was presented by Brother THOMAS M. REED, which does not require further notice than that it is free from words without meaning, or meaning without words.

We fear that the Grand Lodge is laboring in that field of innovation which will bring no sweet fruit, for the committee of jurisprudence desires "a National Grand Lodge of the United States." When perfection is secured in all the sovereign Grand Lodges of the several States, then it will be time to wonder what else is to be perfected.

PROCEEDINGS of the Nineteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, City of Olympia, September 27, 1876. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Bro. OLIVER P. LACY, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. REED, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address was presented by the Grand Secretary. He refers to the loss of the steamship "Pacific," by which the craft lost some of its most accomplished and active members, who were returning home.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Bro. THOMAS M. REED. There is nothing in it to remark. If brevity is the soul of wit, it is the wittiest we have seen, for it covers only a page and a half.

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## WISCONSIN.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at the Hall of Wisconsin Lodge, No. 13, Milwaukee, June 12, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother JEDD P. C. COTTRILL, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the deaths of Brother JOHN DOVE, M. D., Grand Secretary of Virginia, and Brother GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, Grand Secretary of Missouri.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is rendered by Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, Chairman of Committee. He notices Pennsylvania kindly, but thinks we have committed a "blunder" in not recognizing the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory.

## WYOMING.

PROCEEDINGS of the Second Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Ceyenne, October 10, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master EDGAR P. SNOW, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN K. JEFFREY, Grand Secretary.

There is nothing specially to notice in the Grand Master's address.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Bro. JEFFREY, Chairman of Committee. We observe they recognize the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory. Pennsylvania is noticed.

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OF the many printed Communications received by the Grand Secretary, and referred to this Committee, purporting to be Proceedings of Grand Bodies of the Craft, and which have received no notice from this Committee at this time, we have only to remark, that at present it is not deemed necessary to make any other mention of them. The rule that has governed us, since we have been intrusted with the duties and responsibilities of Chairman of this Committee, is to refer to no Grand Lodge until official Masonic Communication is established between it and us. While it may be that some of these Grand Bodies, yet unnoticed, are entitled to fraternal recognition, our judgment has not been convinced that proper Masonic grounds exist for such recognition by Pennsylvania. There is a weighty responsibility resting upon a Grand Lodge of the craft, when it casts its voice for the admission of a new member into the sisterhood of sovereign Grand Lodges. The impulse of Masonic friendship impels to extending the hand

of fellowship to those who ask admission, but the calm and conservative course which Masonic prudence dictates, is to wait until no doubt presents itself as to the propriety of such action. The harmony and unity of the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, and the cordial relations that should exist between those that exchange recognition and communication, are too important to be put in jeopardy by the introduction among them of an organization of the Craft whose character has not been tested by observation and the experience which grows out of it. We prefer to maintain cordial amity between those that we recognize, ourselves, and the craft in general, so far as our action is concerned, rather than run a risk, however remote, of disturbing it.

To our brethren, Chairmen of Committees, whose Reports we have had under review, we offer the testimony of our sincere, earnest and fraternal respect.

We cannot close this Report without thus publicly expressing our heartfelt thanks for the most valuable aid we have received in preparing it from our esteemed friend and Worshipful Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA.

On behalf of the Committee,

RICHARD VAUX, P.G.M.,

*Chairman of Committee.*

PHILADELPHIA, St. John's Day, 1877.





